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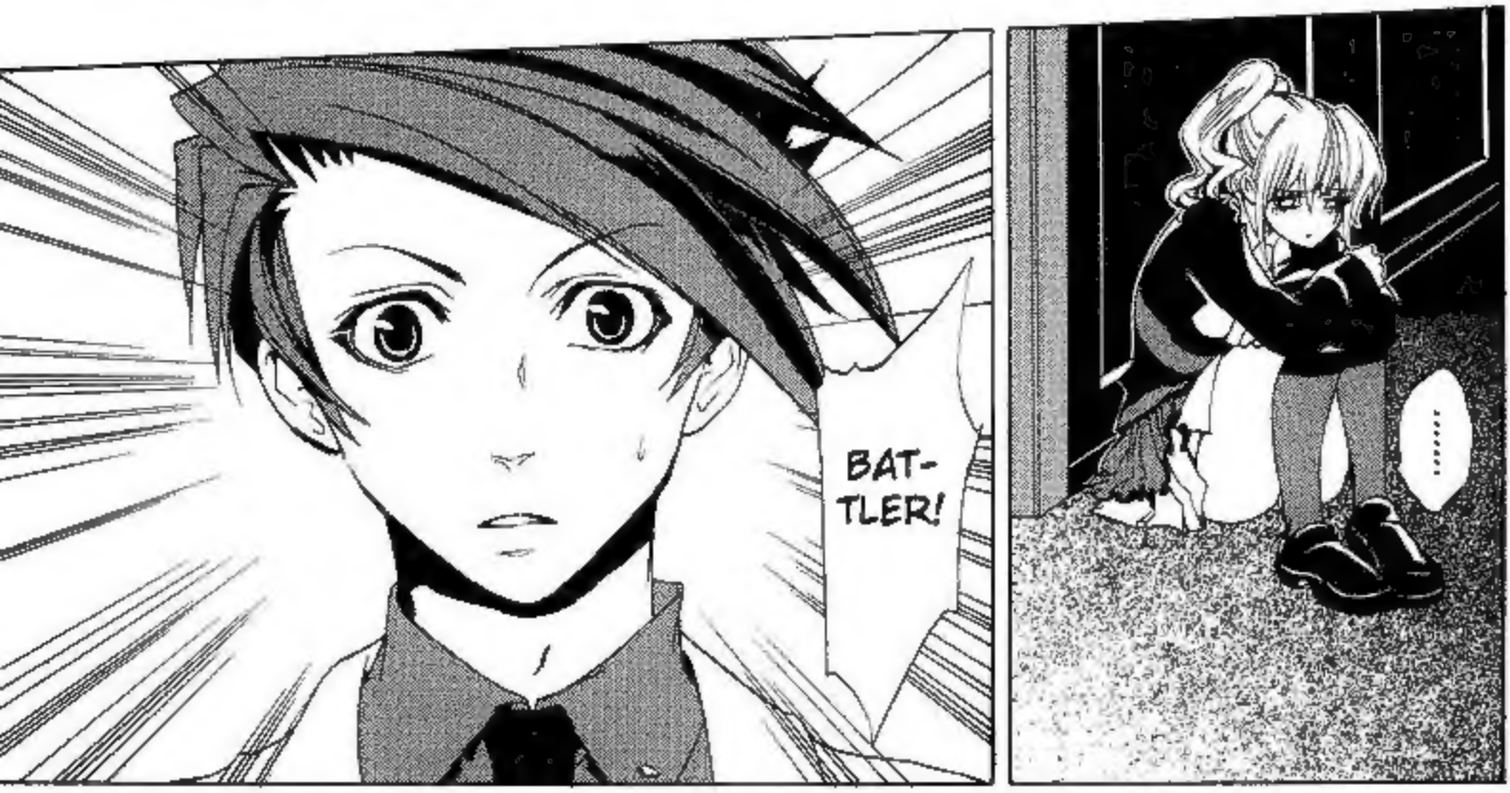
JESSICA SITS DOWN.... HOW IS KANON DOING...?
SERVANTS ROOM


BAT-TLER!
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I FAILED TO GRAB HIM...
..... SORRY
WHAT ABOUT THE CRIMINAL!? DID YOU CATCH HIM!?

... WHAT ABOUT KANON-KUN'S CONDITIONS...?
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.....
.....
I'M VERY SORRY... BUT THERE WAS NOTHING THAT COULD BE DONE TO THOSE WOUNDS, WITHOUT ANY EQUIPMENT HERE ...
... NO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FO GIVING YOUR BEST TREATING HIM...

CHAPTER 16.2
[CHESSBOARD THINKING]

NOW THERE ARE TEN PEOPLE DEAD

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YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY OVER IT…
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IF I… HAD NOT LET KANON-SAN GO ALONE…

KANON-KUN FOUND THE CRIMINAL AND BRAVELY FOUGHT AGAINST HIM!!
DON'T SPEAK OF HIM LIKE THAT !!
EVEN IF YOU HAD GONE WITH HIM, YOU'D PROBABLY HAVE BEEN ATTACKED AS WELL, KUMASAWA …
HE WAS A FOOL TO RUSH AHEAD, SO HE PAID FOR HIS MISTAKE

IF KUMASAWA-SAN WAS TOGETHER WITH HIM TOO, THE CRIMINAL MIGHT HAVE HESITATED AND CHOSEN TO RUN AWAY !!!
I'M VERY SORRY ...
JES-SICA ...
LET'S LEAVE HER ALONE FOR NOW...
...I'M... NOT SURE ABOUT ANYTHING ANYMORE, EITHER
MY HEART IS ABOUT TO BURST OPEN...

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BEATRICE WILL REVIVE THE DEAD AND EVEN THE LOST LOVE
…MARIA…
SO, VERY SOON, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MEET HIM, AND EVERYBODY WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE IN PEACE
DON'T WORRY, JESSICA…
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MEET KANON VERY SOON, TOO
…STOP IT…
I DON'T WANT SUCH CONSOLA-TIONS…!

WAS THE ONE WHO KILLED KANON-KUN !!
THAT BEATRICE WHO YOU SAY THAT GAVE YOU THE LETTER, YESTERDAY, MARIA!?
SERVANTS ROOM
AGAIN.
BEA-TRICE ...
WHERE IS SHE !?
WHERE IS SHE HIDING !?
I'LL FIND HER AND TEAR HER UP TO PIECES !!

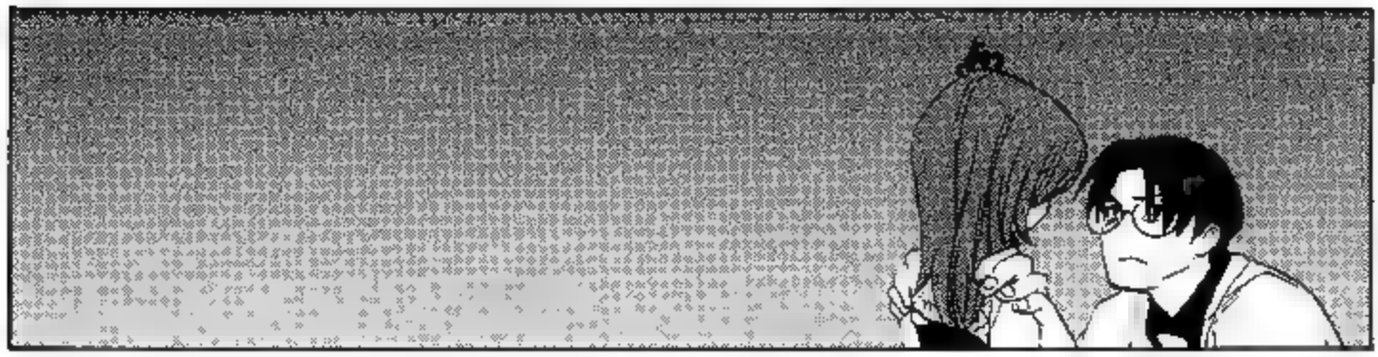
TELL ME, THE IDENTITY OF THE CRIMINAL !!!
O-OJOU-SAMA, PLEASE STOP IT !
GENJI -SAN, LET GO OF ME!!
MARIA KNOWS THE CRIMINAL!! SHE KNOWS IT AND IS HIDING IT!!!
WHAT THE HECK DO YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE YOU HIDING, TELL ME, DAMNIT !!!

UU-!
UU-!!
UU-!!!
SHE IS REPORTING INFORMATION ABOUT US TO THE CRIMINAL! I'M SURE SHE IS GUIDING THE MURDERS !!!
BEATRICE 'DOES' EXIST -----!!
EVERYBODY THINKS SHE IS SUSPICIOUS, RIGHT!!?
PEOPLE ARE DYING BECAUSE OF MARIA!!
SHE IS AN ALLY OF THE CRIMINAL !!!

JESSICA!
BE QUIET !
UUH ...
UUH ...

MARIA-CHAN

I KNOW THAT YOU ARE DECIDEDLY NOT A CRIMINAL.
YOU WERE ALWAYS WITH US AND THERE WAS NO TIME AT ALL FOR YOU TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CRIMINAL.
... SO, I'D LIKE YOU TO TELL ME
WHO IS IT?
THE BEATRICE WHO HANDED YOU THE LETTER YESTERDAY?



...
ANIKI, WE ASKED THE SAME THING MANY TIMES SINCE LAST NIGHT.
THE ANSWER WILL BE THE SAME.
HE IS SUSPECTING MARIA...
THE WORDS ARE SOFT, BUT
GEORGE-ANIKI FEELS THE SAME AS JESSICA

YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT... ANYWAY
...
... EVEN IF I SAY
I WANT TO HEAR IT FROM MARIA -CHAN'S MOUTH.

WHO GAVE YOU THAT LETTER!?
COULD IT BE THAT THE CRIMINAL IS A PERSON WE ALL KNOW AND YOU ARE KEEPING SILENCE TO PROTECT THIS PERSON!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
BEATRICE.
I RECEIVED THE LETTER FROM BEATRICE.

GEORGEONII-CHAN WANTS TO CHANGE HIS HELPLESSNESS INTO VIOLENCE AND THEN VENT IT ON SOMEONE.
SO, IF THE OPPONENT HE WANTS TO BEAT IS NOT HUMAN, THINGS WILL GO NOWHERE ...
EVEN IF I TELL THE TRUTH TO GEORGE ONII-CHAN, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ACCEPT IT.
IT'S POINTLESS TO SAY IT,
YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT
...BUT, MARIA WILL SAY IT AS MANY TIMES AS IT TAKES, BECAUSE IT'S THE TRUTH

BEAT-
RICE
'DOES'
EXIST.
KIHI-
HIHI-
HIHI!
THE DOORS
TO THE
GOLDEN
LAND
WILL BE
OPENED
SOON

MARIA WILL GO THERE.
AT THAT WORLD, MAMA IS KIND AND PAPA IS KIND TOO, AND IS TOGETHER WITH US.
MARIA WANTS TO GO THERE SOON!
BEATRICE PROMISED ME!
DON'T WORRY.
IT'S UNDER-STANDABLE EVERYBODY FEARS BEATRICE, BUT...
BEATRICE SAID...

"BEFORE THE TYPHOON GOES AWAY,
I'LL FINISH EVERYTHING".

TO YOU WHO KEEPS SAYING THE WITCH EXISTS ALL THE TIME.
CERTAINLY IT'S VERY PLEASANT TO SEE US BEING PLAYED WITH BY THE WITCH...
...THAT'S ENOUGH.
AH, OUCH

HOWEVER, DON'T PUSH IN ONTO OTHER TOO.
KIHI- HIH!
WHY ... YOU!
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE A CREEPY, BUT YOU'RE REALLY WEIRD, YOU KNOW!? EVERYONE PROBABLY THINKS THAT TOO!
EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT CARRYING IT OUT WITH YOUR OWN HANDS, I'M SURE YOU'RE A SPY FOR THE CRIMINAL! LIKE HELL I'LL STAY TOGETHER WITH HER!!

MARISA-CHAN

...ANYWAY... NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO HAVE DISCORD.

THE CRIMINAL IS GOING IN AND OUT THE MANSION AT HIS WILL.
SEEING THAT THE MURDERS WENT SO FAR, WE, THE ONES WHO REMAINED, DON'T HAVE ANY GUARANTEE OF SAFETY ANYMORE ...
UNTIL TOMORROW, WE'LL HAVE TO CONCENTRATE ON PROTECTING OURSELVES.

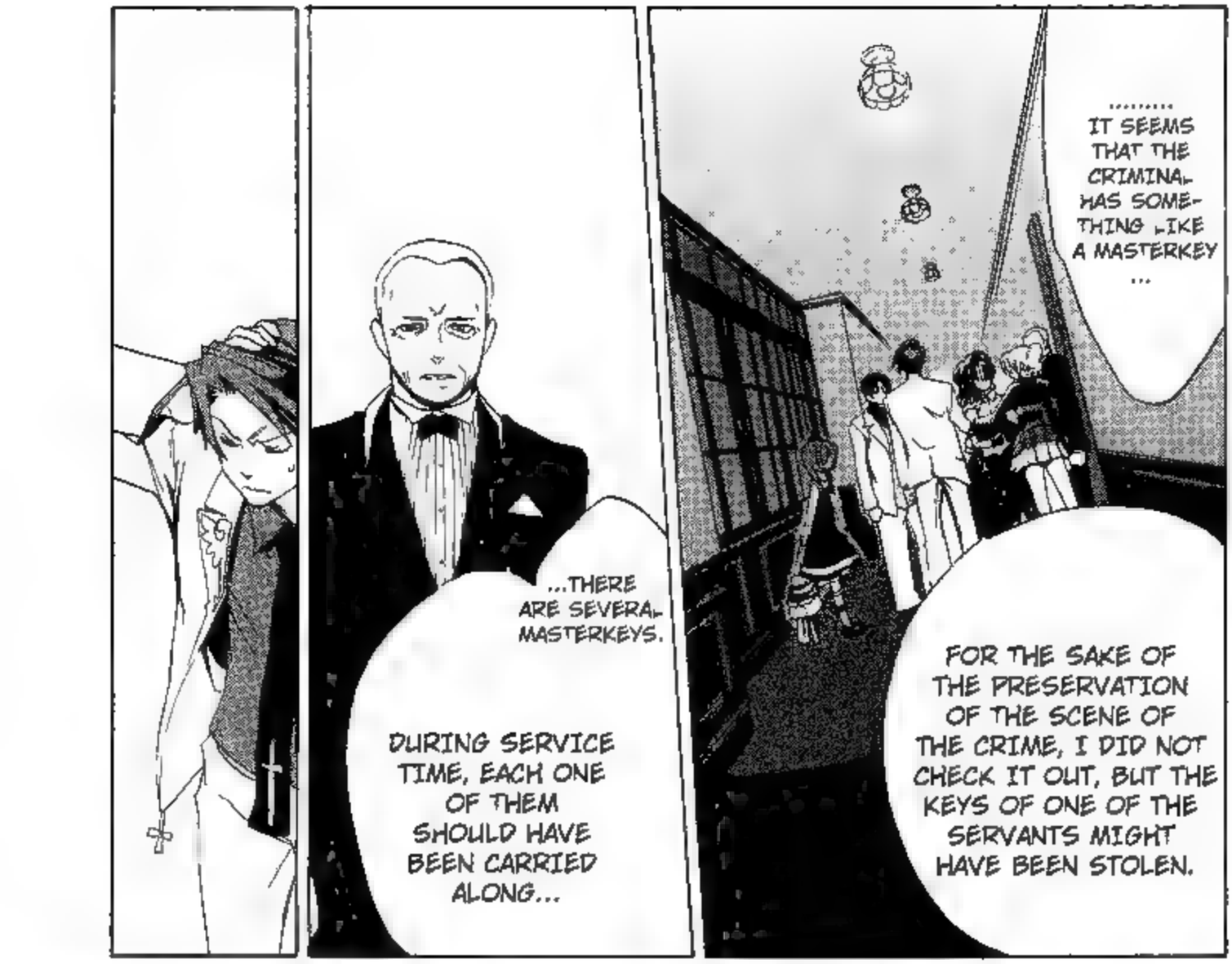
... THAT'S RIGHT, FOR TONIGHT, WE CAN TAKE EASY ON THE SEARCH FOR THE CRIMINAL.
NOW, WE SHOULD BETTER LOOK FOR A PLACE TO CONFINE OURSELVES.

CON
...
FINE
...?

I AGREE WITH BATTLER-SAN...

IT'S ALREADY OVER 8H...
EVERYBODY MUST BE A LREADY AT THEIR LIMITS OF BOTH MIND AND BODY.
WE'D BETTER MOVE TO A PLACE WHERE WE CAN REST OUR BODIES UNTIL TOMORROW AND HAVE A MINIMUN OF RELAXATION...

...
BUT,
YOU KNOW, THIS PLACE WHERE WE CAN HAVE THE MINIMUN OF RELAXATION... WHERE IS IT?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IT SEEMS THAT THE CRIMINAL HAS SOMETHING LIKE A MASTERKEY ...
FOR THE SAKE OF THE PRESERVATION OF THE SCENE OF THE CRIME, I DID NOT CHECK IT OUT, BUT THE KEYS OF ONE OF THE SERVANTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN STOLEN.
...THERE ARE SEVERAL MASTERKEYS.
DURING SERVICE TIME, EACH ONE OF THEM SHOULD HAVE BEEN CARRIED ALONG...

ASSUMING THAT THE MASTERKEYS WERE STOLEN,
IS THERE A PLACE WHERE EVEN THOSE KEYS CANNOT OPEN...?

ALL OF THEM, IN THE MANSION, AND IN THE GUESTHOUSE TOO.
.....
AT WORK, WE, THE SERVANTS, ARE IN CHARGE OF KEYS TO ALL THE ROOMS...
.....
NO MATTER WHERE WE BARRICADE OURSELVES, WITH LOCKS OF WHATSOEVER, IT'S MEANINGLESS .....!
IN OTHER WORDS
HE!

!!
GREAT!
CALM DOWN, JESSICA.
IF YOU'RE COMING, THEN COME! I'LL HAVE YOU PAY ME BACK!
... HOWEVER
THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE
WHERE NOT EVEN WITH THE SERVANTS' KEYS YOU CAN ENTER...
... YES
...AND WHERE IS THAT?

IT'S THE STUDY OF THE MASTER.

I'M... I'M AGAINST IT! I DON'T WANNA ENTER GRAND-FATHER'S CREEPY ROOM!
...GENJI-SAN, HOW MANY KEYS ARE THERE WITH WHICH ONE CAN ENTER THAT ROOM?
TWO KEYS
ONE OF THEM IS ALWAYS WITH ME
THE OTHER ONE WAS IN POSSESSION OF THE MASTER.
BUT, EARLIER, I TOOK THIS FROM HIS CORPSE IN THE BOILER ROOM...
GRAND-FATHER'S STUDY...
...IN THAT STUDY FULL OF GRAND-FATHER'S STRANGE BLACK MAGIC HOBBIES
.....WE?

SO, I'VE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THESE
BUT I RECEIVED ORDERS FROM THE MASTER TO BE SURE TO PROTECT THE STUDY IN HIS ABSENCE
ORIGINALLY, I SHOULD HAVE LEFT THIS KEY AT THE SCENE TOO,
SO, THE ONLY 2 KEYS ARE WITH US...
I SEE... SO IT MEANS KINZO-SAN'S STUDY IS A SAFETY ZONE...
THAT PLACE HAS BED, SOFA, BLANKETS... WATER IN THE SINK AND A REFRIGERATOR, TOO.
AND I GUESS WE CAN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT THE SPACE THERE...

I DON'T WANT THAT! WE SHOULD JUST WAIT FOR THE WITCH TO APPEAR IN THE PARLOR! IF WE GET OUR REVENGE THERE...
NO, YOU WON'T
THERE'S NO NEED TO FACE DANGER TO EXPOSE THE CRIMINAL.
TOMORROW, THE POLICE WILL COME
SO IT MEANS THAT WE, WHO USED TO SNEER AT GRANDFATHER FOR CONFINING HIMSELF IN THE STUDY, WILL NOW BARRICADE OURSELVES THERE...
I THINK WE SHOULD MOVE TO FATHER'S STUDY.
NOW, THAT PLACE IS PROBABLY THE SAFEST ONE...
.....

I HAVE MY DOUBTS ...
WE CAN'T SAY FOR SURE IT IS SAFE THERE...
EVEN THOUGH IT SHOULD BE SAFE THERE, THE CRIMINAL TOOK GRANDFATHER, WHO WAS CONFINING HIMSELF IN THE STUDY, OUT OF THERE AND KILLED HIM.
IF WE THINK THAT 'GRANDFATHER LEFT THE ROOM FOR HIMSELF AFTER LETTING THE RECEIPT GO PAST', AS IN YOUR THEORY, BATTLER-KUN, MAYBE IT IS WORTH TRYING HOLDING A CONFINEMENT THERE...
?
I SEE... THEN, IT MIGHT TURN OUT INTERESTING...
THIS IS A CHANCE TO MAKE HIM SHOW IT TO US, RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES...!
TO ATTACK US, SECLUDED IN THE STUDY, THE CRIMINAL WILL HAVE TO MAKE USE AGAIN OF THE 'SAME TRICK AS IN THE TIME HE TOOK GRANDFATHER OUT OF THE STUDY'...

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BATTLER -KUN?
THINKING BY TURNING THE CHESS BOARD AROUND,
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE CRIMINAL IS BEHAVING IN ORDER TO MAKE US THINK THAT SHE IS A WITCH
'SHE CAN'T USE MAGIC'
IF SHE'S REALLY A WITCH, SHE WILL JUST NEED TO SHOW SOME COLORFUL MAGIC RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES, HOWEVER, NOT DOING THAT WOULD BE BECAUSE...
THAT'S RIGHT... THE CRIMINAL IS A "FAKE WITCH, WHO PRETENDS TO BE A WITCH"
...AND FOR THAT REASON ...

WON'T BE ABLE TO OPEN THE DOOR OF THE STUDY AGAIN, BEFORE OUR EYES!!
THE FAKE WITCH WHO BROKE THE CLOSED ROOM BEFORE WITH A NON-MAGIC METHOD
IF SHE'S REALLY A WITCH-SAMA, SHE'LL HAVE TO SHOW US HOW SHE'LL OPEN THE DOOR WITH MAGIC

KUMASAWA-SAN PREPARED FOR US MIGHT HAVE BEEN POISONED MEANWHILE AND, THEN, IT WAS PUT TO WASTE
SINCE NOBODY STAYED AT THE KITCHEN DUE TO THE EARLIER INCIDENTS, WE SUSPECTED THAT THE DINNER

WE'LL CERTAINLY BE ALRIGHT... THE CRIMINAL, WHO IS NOT A WITCH, SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO LAY A HAND ON US...
SAFE FOOD... AND THE STUDY THAT WILL HAVE ALL ITS TWO KEYS INSIDE...
IN ITS PLACE, WE DECIDED TO BRING THE CANNED THAT WAS IN THE KITCHEN TO THE STUDY
IF SHE'S NOT A WITCH
THE CRIMINAL IS SOMEONE AMONG US... IS IT?

IS NATSUHI OBA-SAN REALLY THE CRIMINAL.....?

AT THAT TIME, EVA OBA-SAN ALLUDED TO IT, BUT I COULDN'T EXPLAIN GRANDFATHER'S REASON TO DO THAT WITH MY THEORY.

IF THE CRIMINAL WHO TOOK GRANDFATHER OUT AND KILLED HIM IS NATSUHI OBA-SAN, AS EVA OBA-SAN SAID,

IT WAS OBVIOUSLY AN ABSURD THEORY. GRANDFATHER COULD NOT USE ANY TRICK IF HE DID NOT KNOW THAT THERE WAS A RECEIPT INSERTED IN THE DOOR GAP...

WE WILL BE BARRICADING OURSELVES TOGETHER WITH THE CRIMINAL!?

WOULDN'T IT BE EVEN MORE DANGEROUS TO MOVE TO AN UNKNOWN PLACE?

OR COULD IT BE THAT WE WERE SAFE EXACTLY BECAUSE WE WERE AT THE PARLOUR?

NO... EVEN NOW, SHE WAS TOGETHER WITH US AT THE PARLOUR, AND YET, NOTHING HAPPENED

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AND WHEN I'M ABOUT TO BELIEVE THE WITCH, I START TO WANT TO FIND THE CRIMINAL AMONG THE 18 PEOPLE.....
AAH, NO GOOD, THIS IS NO GOOD AT ALL...
WHEN IT SEEMS THE CRIMINAL IS AMONG THE 18 PEOPLE, I START TO WANT TO BELIEVE THE WITCH.
I'VE BEEN THINKING A LOT TURNING THE CHESS BOARD AROUND,
BUT JUST BY TRUTH AND THE OPPOSITE CHANGING PLACES
MY IDEAS ARE NOT ADVANCING EVEN A SINGLE STEP, ARE THEY?
.....
KYRIE-SAN
.....

KYRIE-SAN'S CHESSBOARD THINKING IS AMAZING!
IF KYRIE-SAN WERE HERE WITH ME.....
IT'S SO FUN, IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN READ ANY MOVE THE OPPONENT MIGHT MAKE!
I WANT TO TRY IT TOO!
YOU'RE SO EXAGGE-RATED, BATTLER-KUN
HUHU
DAD RELIES ON YOU A LOT! WITH A COWORKER LIKE THIS, DAD'S COMPANY WILL GO SMOOTHLY!
THERE ARE LIMITS FOR READING THE BEHAVIOR OF PEOPLE USING MATHEMATICS
THE FOUNDATION OF THE THEORY OF GAMES, WHICH IS THE BASIS FOR THE CHESSBOARD THINKING, IS MATHEMATICS.
... BUT, YOU KNOW, WE CAN'T BLINDLY BELIEVE IT, BATTLER-KUN

IN THE GAME CALLED CHESS, WE ASSUME THAT 'BOTH SIDES SEEK THE VICTORY UNDER THE SAME RULES' AND ADVANCE IN THE GAME USING THEIR 'BEST MOVES', SO WE CAN READ INSIDE EACH OTHER'S MOVES.

THEN IT WILL BECOME DIFFICULT TO READ INSIDE THE OPPONENT'S MOVES...

WHAT IF HIS GOAL IS NOT THE VICTORY?

OR WHAT IF ONLY THE ENEMY KNOWS THAT THE GAME HAS DIFFERENT RULES?

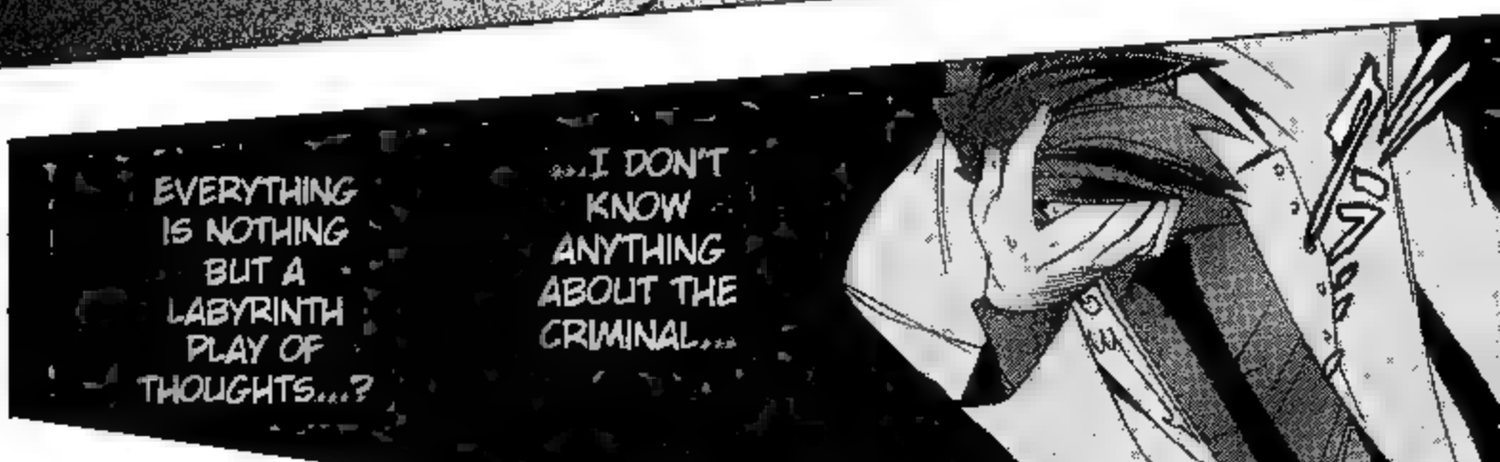
WHAT IF, OUT OF FATIGUE OR ON A WHIM, THE OPPONENT MAKES A MOVE THAT IS NOT THE BEST?

BUT,

IS EXTREMELY WEAK AGAINST NOISE, WHIMS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS

YOU KNOW, THE CHESSBOARD THINKING

THEN, IF I'M MISUNDERS-TANDING THE ENEMY
ALL THE ANSWERS I'LL DEDUCE WILL BE BULLSHIT, COMPLETELY POINTLESS DEDUCTIONS.. .....!


EVERYTHING IS NOTHING BUT A LABYRINTH PLAY OF THOUGHTS...?
...I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CRIMINAL...

...YOU DON'T LOOK WELL, BATTLER, ARE YOU ALRIGHT...?

...UH ...

ARE YOU ALREADY DRUNK FROM THE SMELL...?
SMELL ...?

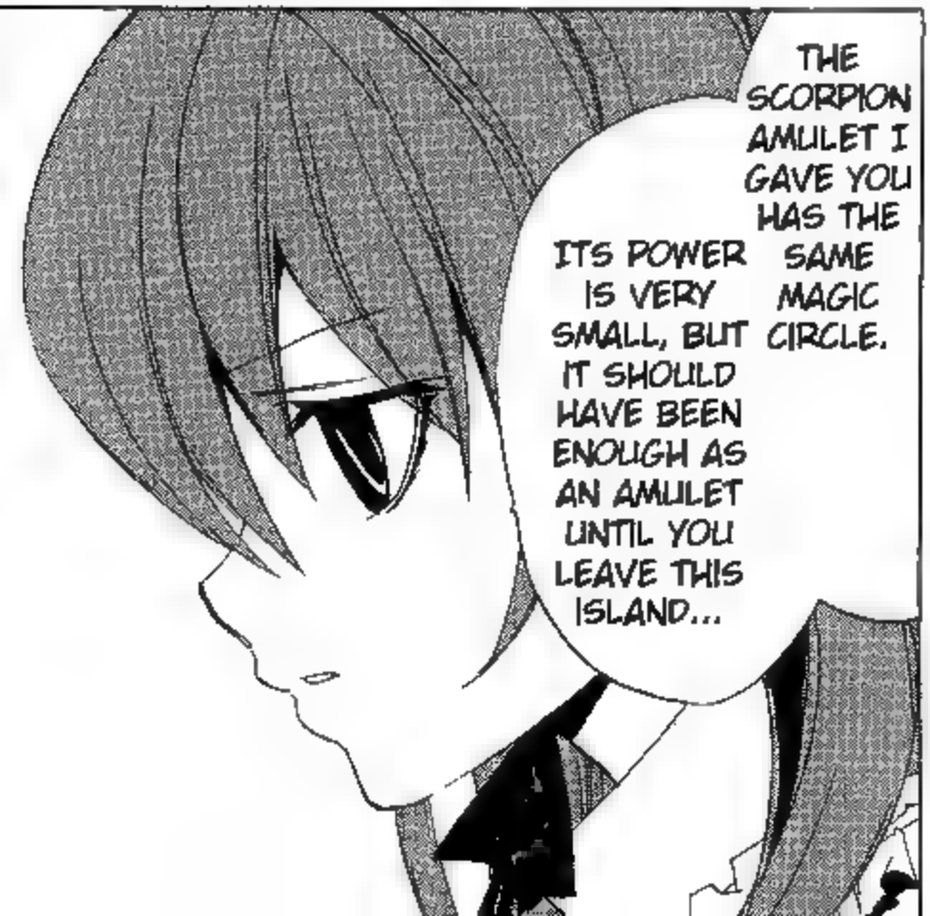
HEY...
WHAT SMELL IS IT THIS TIME...
COULD IT BE CHEMICALS... IF SO, IT'S SICKLY-SWEET ... WHAT A NAUSEATING SMELL
IT'S THE SMELL OF GRAND-FATHER'S ROOM.
うへぇ...
THE SMELLS OF THE CHEMICALS HE USES IN HIS BLACK MAGIC EXPERIMENTS AND THE SMELL OF THE SAKE GRANDFATHER LIKES ARE MIXED TOGETHER
EVEN FROM OUTSIDE THE ROOM WE CAN FEEL IT... I SEE... IF WE SHUT OURSELVES IN THERE FOR EVEN ONE NIGHT, IT MIGHT EAT INTO OUR BRAINS...
.....THIS WAY

...SO THIS IS THE DOOR OF THE FORBIDDEN STUDY, HUH...

PERHAPS, BEATRICE WON'T BE ABLE TO OPEN THIS DOOR
IT HAS A VERY STRONG POWER TO DRIVE AWAY SPIRITUAL EVIL INTENTIONS ...
LIU---- WHAT AN AMAZING DOOR...
...? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

THIS FIGURE ...
IT'S LIKE THE KEY HOLDER MARIA GAVE US YESTERDAY ...
THE 5TH MAGIC CIRCLE OF MARS IS A POWERFUL TALISMAN.
ALSO, THIS MAGIC CIRCLE WAS MADE WITH SUBSTANTIAL DILIGENCE AND IS FULL OF POWER
TO BEATRICE, WHO IS AN EVIL BEING, THIS MAGIC CIRCLE IS PROBABLY VERY TROUBLESOME
THAT'S REASSURING TO HEAR. IT MEANS WE'LL BE ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM THE WITCH'S EVIL INFLUENCE IN THIS ROOM, RIGHT?

BEATRICE CAN'T ENTER
BUT, FREELY USING MAGIC AND HER FAMILIARS, SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INDUCE GRANDFATHER TO LEAVE THE STUDY ON HIS OWN
...THEN HOW DID BEATRICE GOT GRAND-FATHER FROM INSIDE THERE?
IT'S AS BATTLER DEDUCED


THE SCORPION AMULET I GAVE YOU HAS THE SAME MAGIC CIRCLE.
ITS POWER IS VERY SMALL, BUT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH AS AN AMULET UNTIL YOU LEAVE THIS ISLAND...

SCORPION AMULET?
AAH.... IT'S THE AMULET I GAVE YOU YESTERDAY, MOM. I GOT IT FROM MARIA...
SHE TOLD ME IT'D BECOME A TALISMAN AGAINST EVIL IF I HUNG IT ON THE DOOR KNOB...
... NATSUHI-OBA-SAN USED THAT? ON THE DOOR KNOB?
...YEAH, I HUNG IT ON THE DOOR KNOB INSIDE THE ROOM BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP...
...THEN, NATSUHI OBA-SAN IS A VERY FORTUNATE PERSON.

?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY REJIKETTA
BLE

AH ...
AH ...
LAST NIGHT, BEATRICE TRIED TO ENTER MY ROOM?
SHE REGRETTED BECAUSE SHE COULDN'T ENTER
AND THEN SCRATCHED ON IT...!?
I WAS SAVED BECAUSE I HAD HUNG THE TALISMAN AMULET ON THE DOOR KNOB...
THEN, IF I HAD NOT HUNG THE AMULET... I WOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN KILLED WITH MY FACE SMASHED!!?
N... NO... IMPOSSIBLE .....
IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE .....

I...
I HUNG THE SCORPION AMULET
ON THE INNER SIDE OF THE DOOR, YOU KNOW!?
HOW COULD A PERSON OUTSIDE THE DOOR
HAVE PERCEIVED THAT...!?

EVEN THOUGH THE AMULET WAS HUNG ON THE INSIDE THE DOOR WAS NOT ISOLATED

THE HUMAN REALIZED THE EXISTENCE OF THE AMULET FROM OUTSIDE THE DOOR

AND GAVE UP ON OPENING THE DOOR

IMPOSSIBLE IMPOSSIBLE IMPOSSIBLE

AN AMULET THAT PROTECTS FROM SOMEONE NOT HUMAN PROTECTED FROM IT

KIKI KIKI KIKI KIKI KIKI

SOMEONE NOT HUMAN...!!?

CLANK

WILL WE BE ABLE TO LEAVE THROUGH THIS DOOR IN SAFETY TOMOR-ROW MORNING ...?

IN THAT CASE... IS THERE ANY MEANING TO CONFINING IN THE CLOSED ROOM STUDY...?

CLAK

... PLEASE

COULD IT BE THAT THE WITCH REALLY EXISTS, AS MARIA SAYS...?

SO THIS IS
BEHIND THE SECURITY
CLOSED DOOR

I'VE NEVER
BEEN ABLE
TO FORGIVE
THE GAME
AFTER ALL
I SEE THE
DEATH WHEN
LOSING!

IT ALWAYS FELT LIKE THERE WAS A GENIUS AND A MAD MAN INSIDE KINZO-SAN...
THOUGHT I WAS YOUR BEST FRIEND, I NEVER UNDERSTAND YOU AT ALL...
YES, WHENEVER HE TALKED ABOUT BEATRICE-SAMA, HE WAS LIKE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON ...
...HUH ...
HE HAD A SMALLER ONE PAINTED JUST FOR THIS ROOM?
THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE WHAT GRANDFATHER WOULD DO, BEING SO OBSESSED WITH THE WITCH.....

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GONNA SPEND THE WHOLE NIGHT BEING STARED AT BY THE WITCH IN THE PORTRAIT...

CHAPTER 17: [FORTIFICATION]

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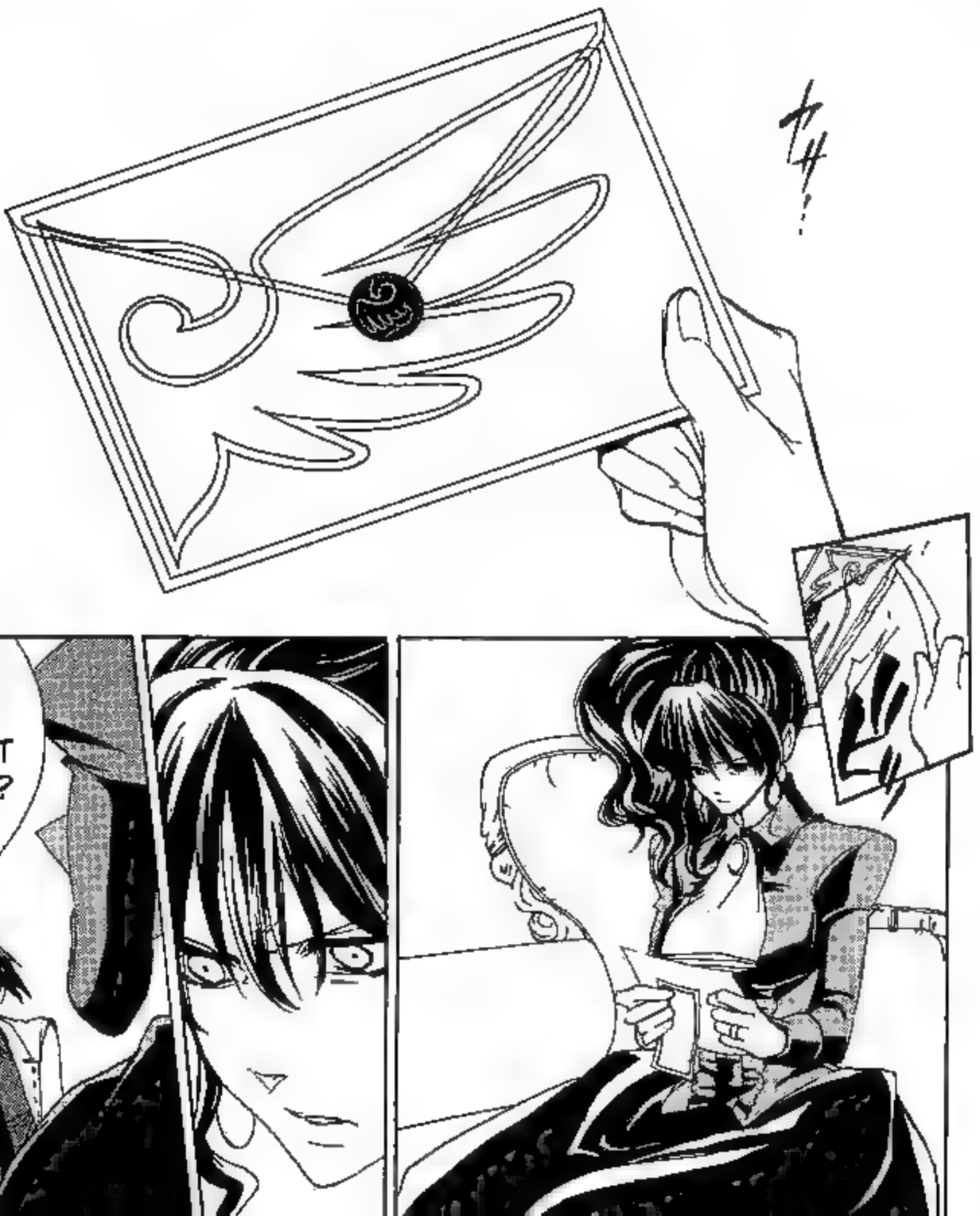
SFX: RAIN

JUST TO BE SURE, WE ALSO CHECKED THE WALLS
BUT THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF ANY HIDDEN DOORS.
WE MADE SURE THAT ALL THE WINDOWS IN THE STUDY WERE LOCKED.

AND THE TWO ONLY KEYS THAT CAN OPEN THE DOOR ARE INSIDE THIS ROOM
THIS TIME, THE STUDY WAS A PERFECT CLOSED ROOM...

NO ONE CAN GET TO US ANYMORE.
SFX. TICK TOCK
SO WE PICKED AT OUR CANNED FOODS WHILE LISTENING TO THE SOUND OF THE WIND AND RAIN.
THERE WERE NO TVS OR RADIOS IN THE STUDY.
UNLESS THE CULPRIT USES MAGIC...

YES...I HAVEN'T OPENED IT YET...
MOM, DIDN'T YOU FIND A LETTER FROM THE CULPRIT IN FRONT OF AUNT EVA'S ROOM?
...OH YEAH


...WHAT DOES IT SAY AUNT NATSUHI?

...THE HELL IS THIS...

HOW STUPID...

"PRAISE MY NAME"...?

.....JUST ONE UNPLEASANT SENTENCE.

IT'S PROBABLY TRYING TO PROVOKE US...

PRAISE MY NAME

HEH, BET YOU WERE EXPECTING SOME WIERD MAGIC SQUARE HUH, MARIA?
BEATRICE MUST BE DECLARING HER VICTORY...
DAMMIT...
IT DIDN'T BETRAY MY EXPECTA-TIONS.
...THOUGH IT WASN'T A MAGIC SQUARE.
I THINK THE FACT THAT IT'S IN THE SAME ENVELOPE AS LAST NIGHT'S LETTER IS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN ITS CONTENTS.
...WHAT COULD BE THE MEANING OF THIS...COULD SHE BE TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE HER OWN EXISTANCE...?

BECAUSE WITH THIS LETTER, WE ARE NOW SURE THAT THE SENDER OF LAST NIGHT'S LETTER WAS ALSO THE CULPRIT...
...ACCORDING TO LAST NIGHT'S LETTER, BEATRICE IS ONE OF GRANDFATHER'S OLDEST AQUAINTANCES.
...WHICH MEANS THAT GENJI AND KUMASAWA KNOW HER THE BEST, RIGHT AFTER GRANDFATHER.
CAN YOU PLEASE TELL US WHO BEATRICE IS...?

.....

GENJI
...I HAVE BEEN PURPOSEFULLY AVOIDING THIS SUBJECT FOR A LONG TIME, BUT WE CAN NO LONGER REFRAIN FROM TALKING ABOUT IT...

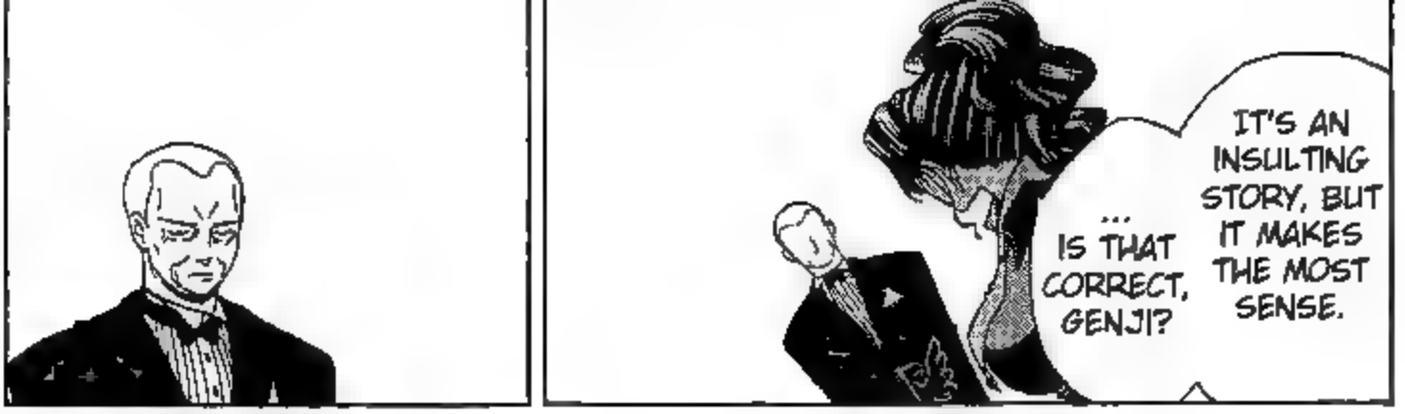
...GENJI-SAN

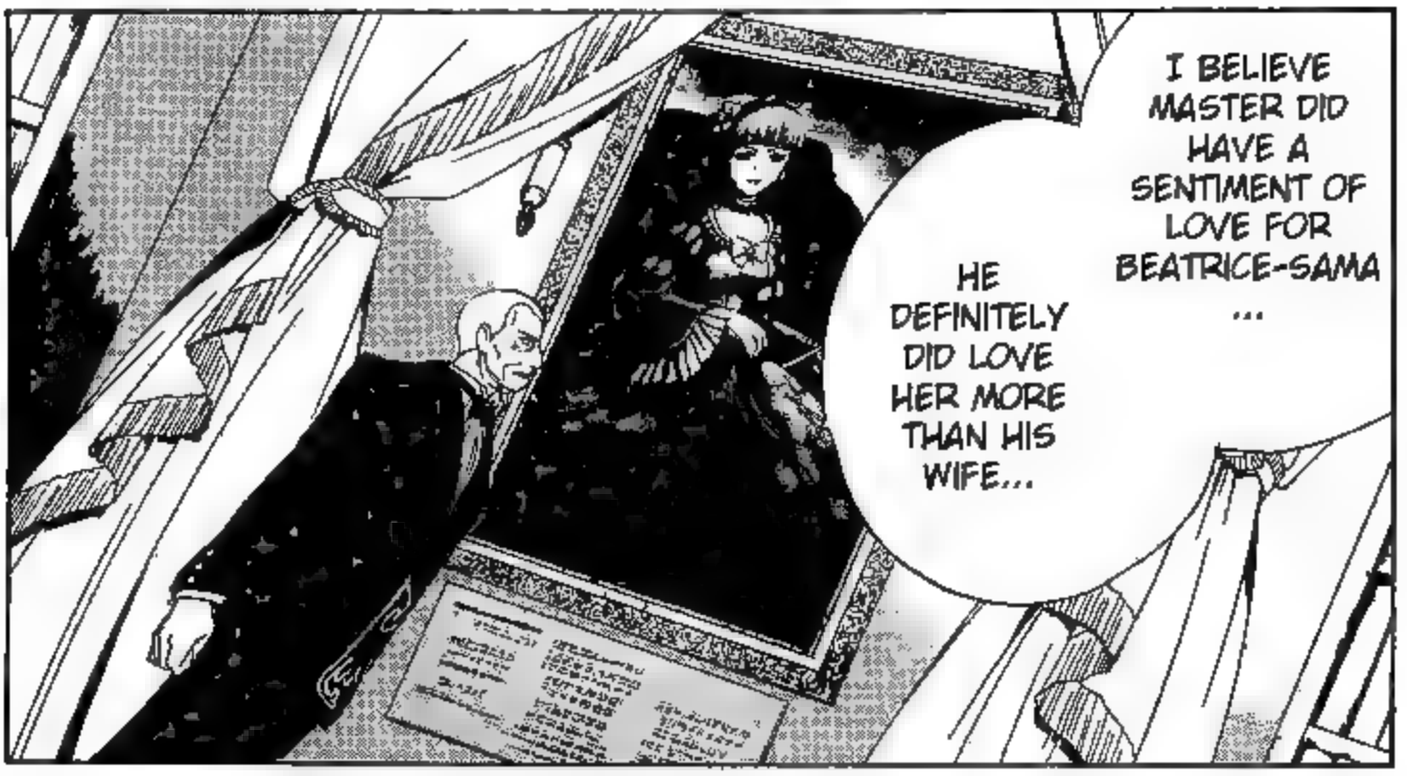
IS BEATRICE GRANDFATHER'S... MISTRESS?
MISTRESS ... YOU MEAN A LOVER...?
COULD BE... I HEAR THAT GRAND-MOTHER SUSPECTED IT WHEN SHE WAS STIL ALIVE.
THAT GRANDFATHER WAS CHEATING ON HER WITH A BLOND WOMAN...
THOUGH I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A WITCH IN GRANDFATHER'S IMAGINATION...

I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THE MANSION WAS COMPLETED IN SHOWA 27,
WHICH WOULD MEAN BEATRICE HAS BEEN TOGETHER WITH GRANDFATHER SINCE OVER 30 YEARS AGO.
THIS IS GETTING INTERESTING ...
GENJI-SAN, YOU SAID BEATRICE HAS BEEN WORKING FOR GRANDFATHER SINCE BEFORE THIS MANSION WAS EVEN BUILT, RIGHT?

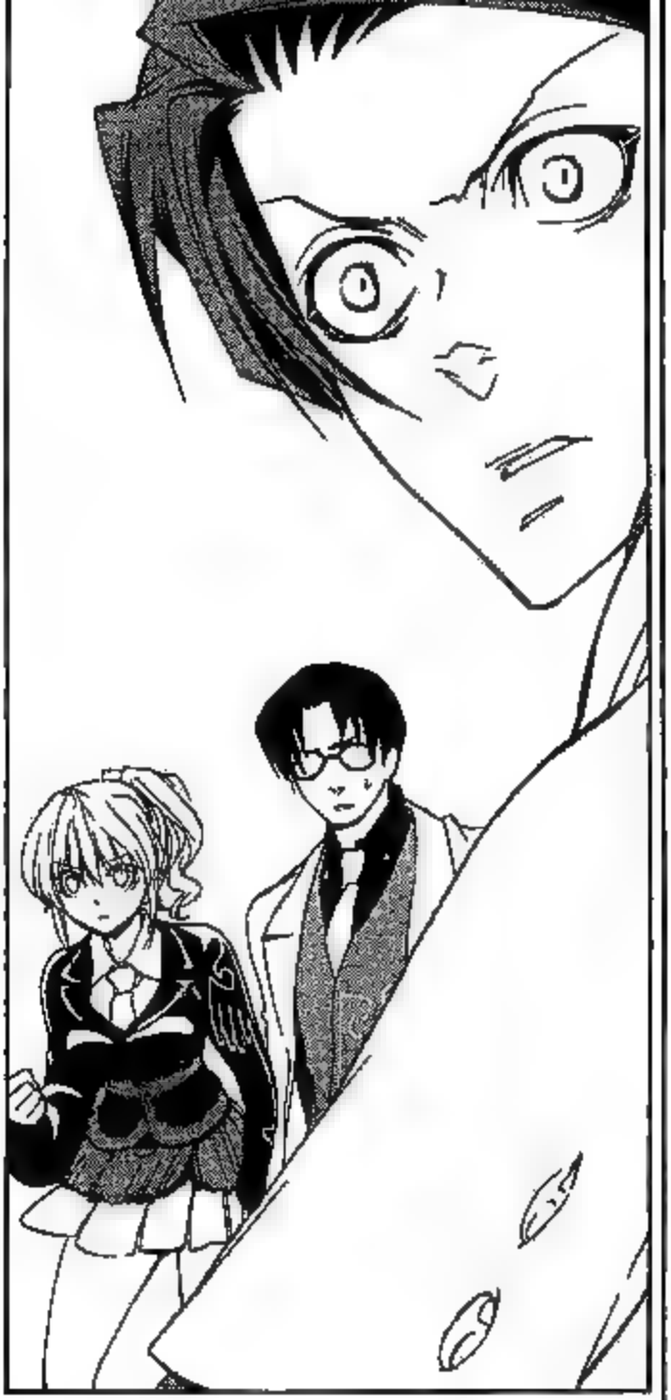
TL'S NOTE: SHOWA 27 = 1952

...SOUNDS LIKE SOME CLICHE WESTERN MYSTERY NOVEL...!
AND THAT MISTRESS FROM 30 YEARS AGO... OR A RELATIVE OF THAT MISTRESS, IS HOLDING A GRUDGE AND SEEKS REVENGE...


IT'S AN INSULTING STORY, BUT IT MAKES THE MOST SENSE.
... IS THAT CORRECT, GENJI?


I BELIEVE MASTER DID HAVE A SENTIMENT OF LOVE FOR BEATRICE-SAMA ...
HE DEFINITELY DID LOVE HER MORE THAN HIS WIFE...

SO WHO IS BEATRICE !?
WHERE IS SHE RIGHT NOW!?



I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT SHE DIED BEFORE THE MANSION WAS BUILT.

SHE'S ALREADY DEAD...?
... YES
MASTER WAS OVERWHELMED BY ANGUISH... HE TURNED TO BLACK MAGIC AS A WAY TO REVIVE BEATRICE-SAMA
MASTER LOVED BEATRICE-SAMA FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART
SO MUCH AS TO BE DRIVEN TO THIS INSANITY.

HOW CAN I BRING YOU BACK TO LIFE?

SHOW ME YOUR LOVELY SMILE ONCE MORE...
APPEAR BEFORE ME ONCE AGAIN...! BEATRICE...!!

AS A WOMAN, I COULDN'T HELP BUT TO FEEL A TINGE OF JEALOUSY... IT WAS A DEEP, DEEP LOVE...
...JUST ONCE, WHEN MASTER WAS DRUNK, HE TALKED TO ME ABOUT BEATRICE-SAMA.

KINZO-SAN WAS CHOSEN TO BE THE HEAD BY THE ELDERS, JUST TO REBUILD THE USHIROMIYA FAMILY
AND HE WAS FORCED INTO AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE WITH HIS NOW DECEASED WIFE...
IT'S UNCERTAIN WHAT COULD HAVE LED TO THE MEETING OF KINZO-SAN AND BEATRICE...
GRANDFATHER, WHO HAD A LIFE HE DIDN'T WISH FOR FORCED ONTO HIM
.....
WHICH MEANS
MET BEATRICE

---AND ACTUALLY FELL IN LOVE FOR THE FIRST TIME---

ALL THE DAYS HE SPENT LOCKED AWAY IN HIS STUDY, RESEARCHING

ALL THE BLACK MAGIC-RELATED GOODS IN HIS ROOM

IT WAS ALL TO REVIVE THE WOMAN HE LOVED------...

...
ANIK!
...

IF BLACK MAGIC COULD REALLY REVIVE SHANNON... I WOULD START RESEARCHING IMMEDIATELY RIGHT IN THIS ROOM...
...I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW HE FELT
...BUT...THAT WASN'T IT...
I THOUGHT THE REASON WHY ALL THE SERVANTS BLINDLY BELIEVED IN THE WITCH WAS BECAUSE THEY WERE INFLUENCED BY GRANDFATHER'S WEIRD HOBBIES.
.....GENJI-SAN, I WAS MISTAKEN

BY PRETENDING BEATRICE'S SOUL WAS STILL IN THE MANSION
YOU GUYS WERE TRYING TO CONSOLE GRANDFATHER ...

ITS OKAY.
BEATRICE WILL SOON BE REVIVED...WE'LL BE ABLE TO MEET HER.

.....
MARIA
BATTLER, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE BEATRICE'S WORDS RIGHT?
!
...NO, I WOULD BELIEVE.
BEATRICE TOLD ME
"THE DOOR TO THE GOLDEN LAND WILL BE OPENED SOON
IT IS THE PROMISED LAND THAT SHINES A BRILLIANT GOLD. HERE, THE SOULS OF ALL THE DEAD ARE REVIVED, AND EVEN LOST LOVE IS REVIVED... AND I SHALL SLEEP FOR ALL ETERNITY IN THIS PEACEFUL WORLD."

IF GRANDFATHER WAS HERE, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN OVERJOYED TO HEAR THOSE WORDS...
THEN I WOULD HAVE BELIEVED IN BEATRICE.
IF BY BELIEVING THAT HIS LOVED ONE'S SOUL CAME BACK TO LIFE, GRANDFATHER'S LIFE WOULD BE FULFILLED... THEN I WOULD HAVE BELIEVED...!

THE LEGEND OF THE WITCH OF ROKKENJIMA THAT THE SERVANTS HAVE BEEN TELLING WAS
AN ACT OF SOLICITUDE TOWARDS GRANDFATHER, WHO LOST THE WOMAN HE LOVED...RIGHT?
...BUT IT'S TRUE...
IT'S REALLY MAGIC...
I GUESS NO ONE CAN SEE BEATRICE .....

...
WAS THERE EVER A... CHILD BETWEEN BEATRICE AND GRANDFATHER?

SO IT'S MUCH MORE LOGICAL TO THINK THAT THERE WAS NO CHILD...

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SPEAKING OF A CHILD, THERE WAS THIS RUMOR
...

...NO, I HAVE NOT HEARD OF SUCH A CHILD.

I GUESS IF THERE WAS A CHILD, HE WOULD HAVE SEEN HIM AS A MEMENTO OF HIS LOVED ONE AND SHOWERED HIM WITH AFFECTION
...

BUT INSTEAD, HE DEDICATED HIMSELF TO BLACK MAGIC...

YOU KNOW HOW GRANDFATHER MAKES HUGE DONATIONS TO THAT ORPHANAGE CALLED FUKUIN'S HOUSE?
...
HE HIRED A LOT OF KIDS FROM FUKUIN'S HOUSE AS SERVANTS, LIKE SHANNON AND KANON-KUN...
BUT ALL HE EVER PICKED WERE YOUNG CHILDREN ...
AND IT WAS RUMORED THAT HE USED THEM AS SACRIFICES FOR HIS BLACK MAGIC ...
... SACRI-FICES?
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AAHH ...!!
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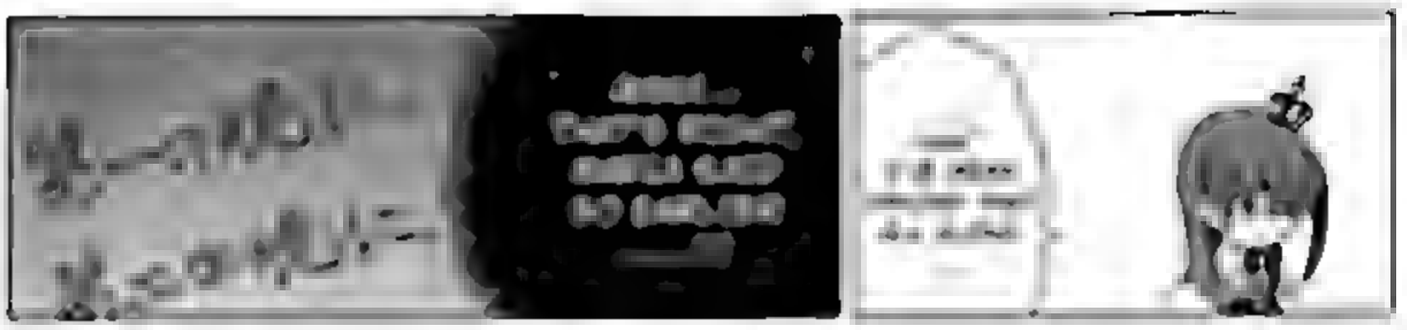
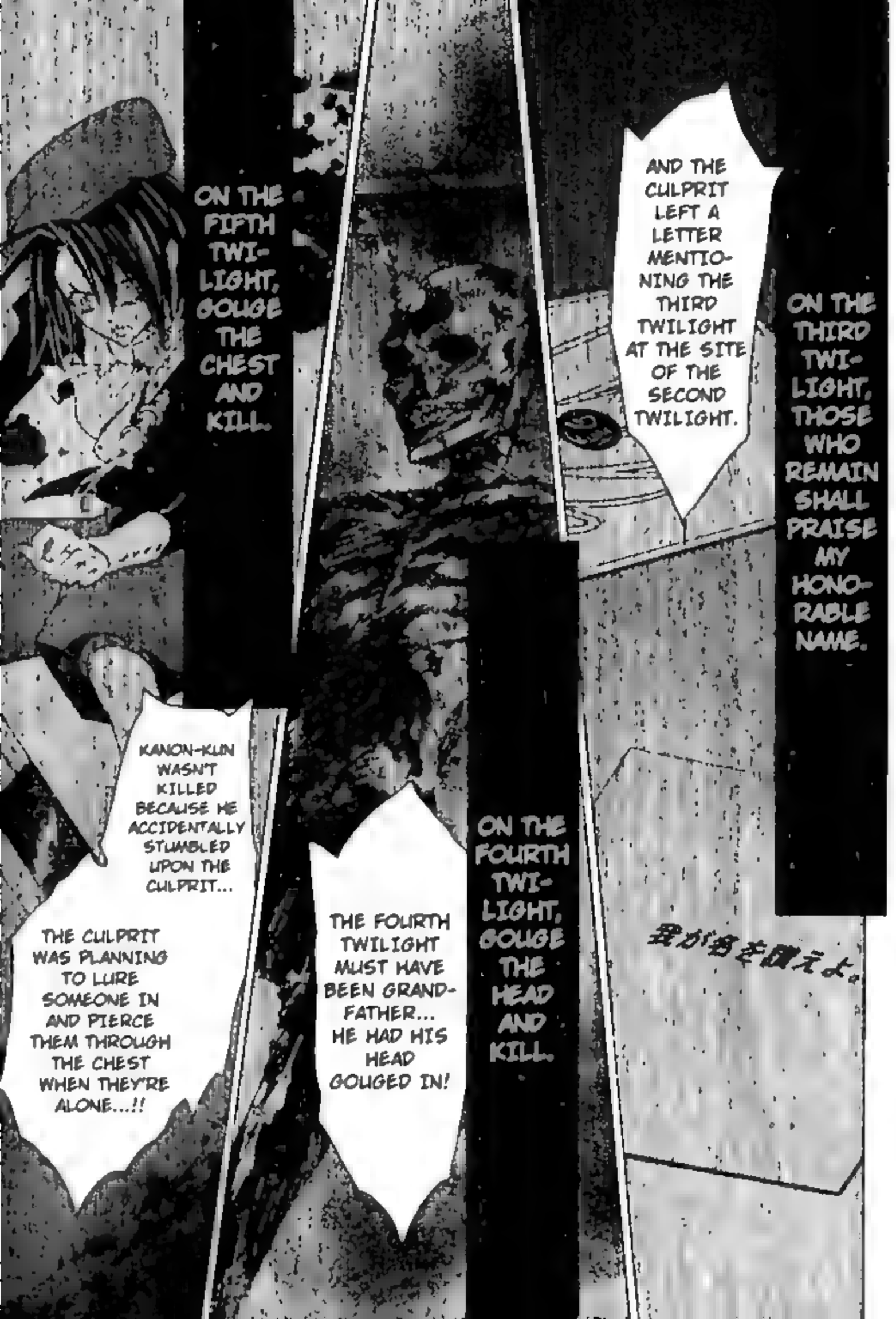
第二の晩に
三の晩に

... WHAT ...!?
THEY'RE ... SACRI- FICES ...!!
DAMMIT ...!! HERE!
IN THE EPITAPH!! IT'S ALL BEEN WRITTEN HERE SINCE THE BEGINNING .....!!!



ON THE FIRST TWILIGHT, OFFER THE SIX CHOSEN BY THE KEY AS SACRIFICES.

ON THE SECOND TWILIGHT, THOSE WHO REMAIN SHALL TEAR APART THE TWO WHO ARE CLOSE.
AUNT EVA AND UNCLE HIDEYOSHI MOVED AWAY FROM THE CROWD AND "STAYED CLOSE"!
BY BEING KILLED, THEY WERE "TORN APART"!
ALL THE MURDERS SO FAR HAVE BEEN DONE ACCORDING TO THE EPITAPH ...!
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS ...!
THIS BA BATTLER


ON THE THIRD TWI-LIGHT, THOSE WHO REMAIN SHALL PRAISE MY HONO-RABLE NAME.
AND THE CULPRIT LEFT A LETTER MENTIO-NING THE THIRD TWILIGHT AT THE SITE OF THE SECOND TWILIGHT.
ON THE FOURTH TWI-LIGHT, GOUGE THE HEAD AND KILL.
THE FOURTH TWILIGHT MUST HAVE BEEN GRAND-FATHER... HE HAD HIS HEAD GOUGED IN!
ON THE FIFTH TWI-LIGHT, GOUGE THE CHEST AND KILL.
KANON-KUN WASN'T KILLED BECAUSE HE ACCIDENTALLY STUMBLED UPON THE CULPRIT...
THE CULPRIT WAS PLANNING TO LURE SOMEONE IN AND PIERCE THEM THROUGH THE CHEST WHEN THEY'RE ALONE...!!

BUT IF THE CULPRIT IS ACTUALLY ACCORDING TO THE EPITAPH
THAT MEANS THREE MORE PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO DIE!
AND ON THE NINTH TWILIGHT THE DEAD COMES BACK TO LIFE
THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT THEY MEAN
THESE AREN'T INSTRUCTIONS FOR FINDING THE HIDDEN GOLD
THEY'RE STEPS FOR SOME BLACK MAGIC RITUAL TO REVIVE SOMEONE THAT REQUIRES A LARGE AMOUNT OF SACRIFICES!

THE FAMILY REUNION IS THE PERFECT CHANCE TO CARRY OUT THE RITUAL ...!
TO GAIN MORE SACRIFICES, HE HIRED MORE SERVANTS
AND ON TOP OF THAT, TODAY AND YESTERDAY, A LOT OF RELATIVES HAVE GATHERED HERE ON THIS ISLAND.
AUNT NATSUHI, HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE THERE USUALLY ON THIS ISLAND?
CURRENTLY, WE HAVE FIVE SERVANTS STAYING HERE BECAUSE OF THE FAMILY CONFERENCE, BUT WE USUALLY HAVE TWO OR THREE,
AND WITH US FAMILY, THAT MAKES SIX TO SEVEN PEOPLE.
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WHICH MEANS THERE'S USUALLY NOT ENOUGH SACRIFICES.

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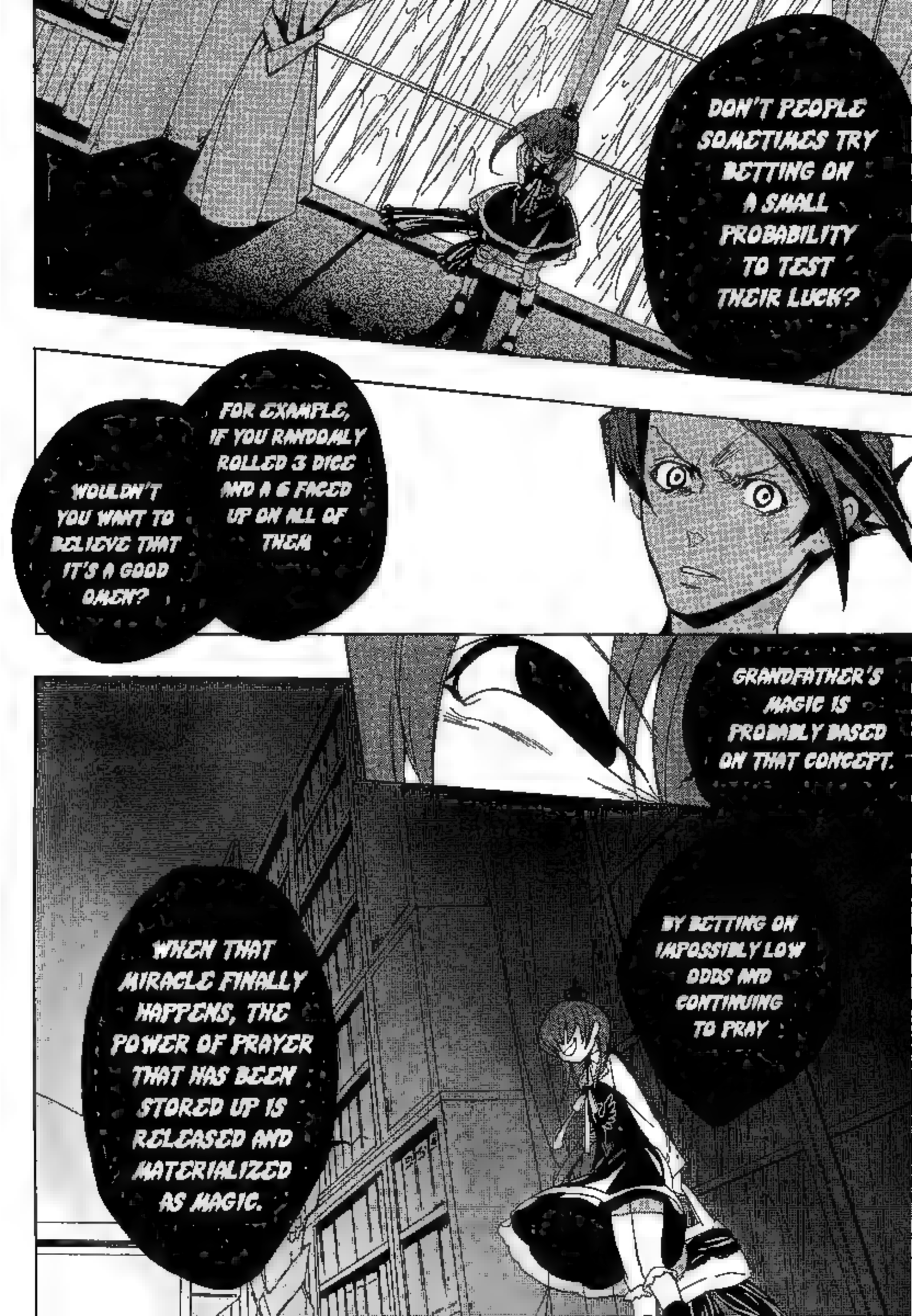
DON'T PEOPLE SOMETIMES TRY BETTING ON A SMALL PROBABILITY TO TEST THEIR LUCK?
FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU RANDOMLY ROLLED 3 DICE AND A 6 FACED UP ON ALL OF THEM
WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO BELIEVE THAT IT'S A GOOD OMEN?
GRANDFATHER'S MAGIC IS PROBABLY BASED ON THAT CONCEPT.
BY BETTING ON IMPOSSIBLY LOW ODDS AND CONTINUING TO PRAY
WHEN THAT MIRACLE FINALLY HAPPENS, THE POWER OF PRAYER THAT HAS BEEN STORED UP IS RELEASED AND MATERIALIZED AS MAGIC.

SO, GRANDFATHER BET ON THE MIRACLE THAT WOULD REVIVE BEATRICE.
AND PUT HIS PLANS INTO MOTION ON THE DAY THAT THERE WERE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE ON THIS ISLAND, TO DECREASE HIS CHANCE OF BEING PICKED AS A SACRIFICE BY THE KEY...
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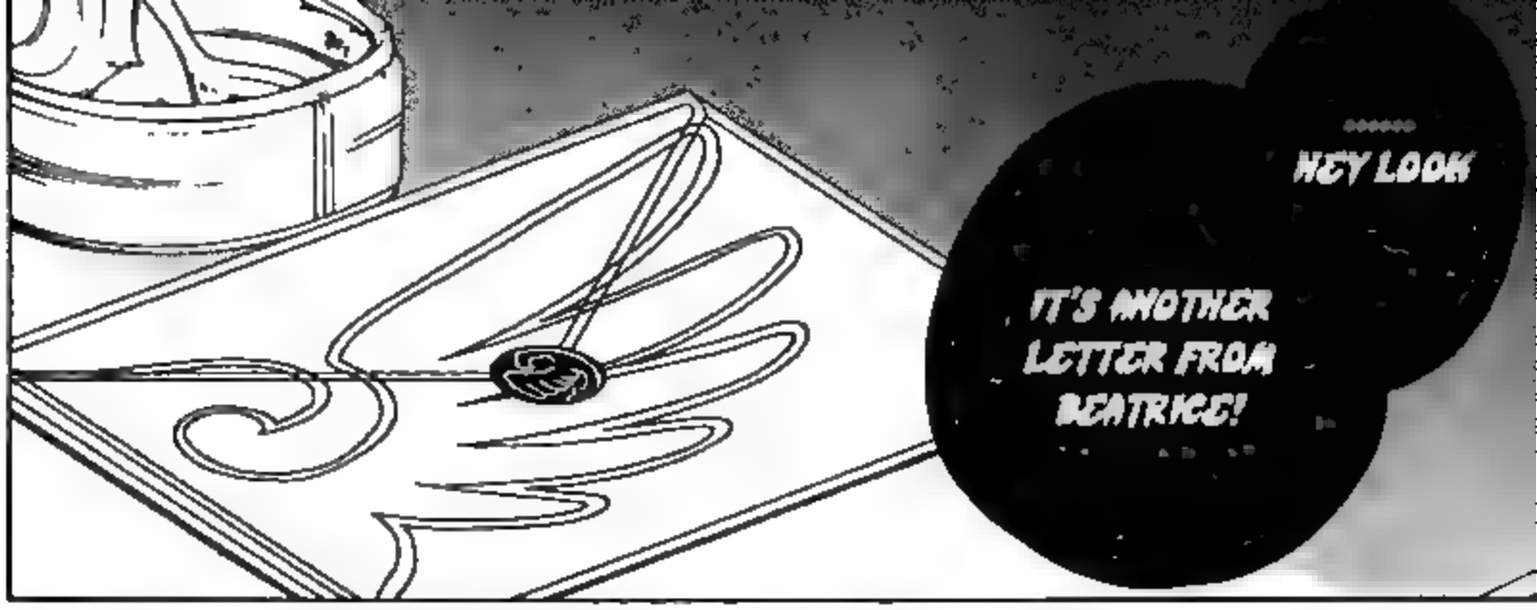
BUT... BUT MARIA! THE EPITAPH GOES ON LIKE THIS !!

ON THE NINTH TWILIGHT,
THE WITCH SHALL REVIVE,
AND NO ONE WILL BE LEFT ALIVE.
WE'LL ALL BE KILLED BY
IN THIS RITUAL GRANDFATHER HIMSELF CAN'T SURVIVE EITHER NO MATTER WHAT
NO MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE THERE ARE, WE'LL ALL DIE IN THE END!

THE GOLDEN LAND IS THE AFTER-LIFE!
BEING "REVIVED" MEANS MEETING THEM IN THE LAND OF THE DEAD, RIGHT !?
DON'T FUCK WITH ME!
SO GRAND-FATHER BELIEVED THAT EVEN IF HE DIED DURING THE RITUAL, HE WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE...!?
THE DEAD CAN'T BE REVIVED!! THAT'S A FACT THAT NOT EVEN THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF HUMAN RESEARCH CAN DENY!
...
THEN THAT MEANS
THIS IS A FORCED MASS SUICIDE BY AN OLD MAN WITH LITTLE TIME LEFT TO LIVE...?

... I DO NOT KNOW.
MASTER WAS AN INTELLIGENT MAN WITH THE GIFT OF FORESIGHT.
BUT TO MY COMMON PLACE EYES, IT OCCASI-ONALLY ONLY LOOKED LIKE INSANITY...
I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ...!
IF I'D KNOWN, DO YOU THINK I'D BE ON THIS ISLAND TODAY?
I'D HAVE CALLED IN SICK TO GET THE DAY OFF!
KINZOU-SAN WAS A PERSON WHO FAR TRANSCENDED THE ORDINARY MAN...!
EVEN I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT KINZOU-SAN WAS THINKING WHEN HE LEFT US THAT EPITAPH ...!!
ONE THING IS FOR CERTAIN
THOUGH FATHER MAY HAVE PLANNED THIS, THE PERSON CARRYING OUT HIS PLANS IS SOMEONE ELSE...!

IN THE FIRST LETTER, BEATRICE DECLARED SHE WAS COLLECTING INTEREST ON OUR LOANS...
BUT SHE ALSO SAID THAT AS A SPECIAL CONDITION, SHE WOULD ABANDON HER RIGHT TO COLLECT INTEREST IF WE SOLVED THE RIDDLE OF THE EPITAPH...
SO ARE GRANDFATHER AND THE CULPRIT TELLING US TO EITHER SOLVE THE RIDDLE, OR OTHERWISE BE KILLED ACCORDING TO IT...?
WHY DO THEY TRY SO HARD TO MAKE US SOLVE THE RIDDLE !?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT GRANDFATHER'S INTENTIONS OR THE CUPLRIT'S OBJETIVES ARE...!!!
WERE GRANDFATHER'S PLANS ALREADY IN MOTION?


.....
HEY LOOK
IT'S ANOTHER LETTER FROM BEATRICE!

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WHAT ...!?
A NEW LETTER IN THE CLOSED ROOM!? CONTINUES TO THE NEXT CHAPTER-----!!

LOOK, ANOTHER LETTER FROM BEATRICE!

.....
AAH, MARIA ...

THAT ONE MIGHT BE THE LETTER OF THE THIRD TWILIGHT, NATSUHI! OBA-SAN READ IT A WHILE AGO ...

EVERYBODY TRIFLED BY THE LETTER OF THE WITCH

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CHAPTER 18
[DISPERSAL]

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WHAT IS THAT, MARIA!? WHERE DID THAT ENVELOPE COME FROM!?

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WHEN I LOOKED JUST NOW, IT WAS LEFT HERE... UU--

THERE'S NO ONE HERE BUT THE 8 OF US, YOU KNOW!!?

AND THIS STUDY IS A CLOSED ROOM!! HOW COULD A LETTER APPEAR HERE ALL OF A SUDDEN!!?

THERE'S NO WAY A 9TH PERSON COULD HAVE SNEAKED IN HERE!

...YOU MUST BE KID-DING ME!

EVERY-BODY, STEP BACK!!

STEP BACK TO THE WALL!!!

NA... NATSUHI-SAN, WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU...

NATSUHI-OBA-- SAN...!?

HI... HIIII, MADAM !?

YE... YEAH!

.....?

BATTLER-KUN! OPEN THE ENVELOPE AND READ ITS CONTENT!!

"PLEASE, ABANDON THE NAIVE IDEA THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RUN AWAY WHEN THE STORM GOES AWAY."

"I WONDER IF YOU'RE HAVING FUN WITH KINZO-SAMA'S EPITAPH RIDDLE. I THINK YOU'RE AL-READY AWARE, BUT ALL OF YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT."

THERE'S EVEN SEALING WAX ON THIS...! THIS WAS NOT UNOPENED YET!

"THE ONLY POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF THIS GAME IS THE VICTORY OF ONE OF US, ALL OF YOU OR ME. THE TIME RUNNING OUT MEANS MY VICTORY. THERE WON'T BE ANY TIE."

....THIS IS WHAT IS WRITTEN...

"I HUMBLY ASK OF YOU TO NOT MISUNDERSTAND THAT."

FURTHERMORE! AS YOU SAID, THERE'S NO ONE IN THIS ROOM BESIDES US!

AT THAT TIME, JESSICA, GEORGE-KUN AND BATTLER-KUN WERE ALERADY IN FRONT OF THE PORTRAIT!

AND THEY DIDN'T LEAVE THAT PLACE UNTIL THE LETTER SHOWED UP!

...RIGHT BEFORE GOING TO THE PORTRAIT, I CHECKED THAT THERE WASN'T ANY LETTER LIKE THIS ON THE DESK...

AND THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING!

IT WAS SOMEONE AMONG THE 4 OF YOU! WHILE WE WERE WITH OUR ATTENTION TURNED TO THE PICTURE, YOU LEFT THE LETTER THERE!!!

!!

KUMASAWA

AND DOCTOR NANJO

THERE'S A PERSON AMONG YOU THAT PLACED THE LETTER HERE!!

GENJI

MARIA-CHAN

'BEATRICE' IS HERE!!!

BECAUSE BEATRICE 'DOES' EXIST

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BEATRICE IS NOT MARIA

...
AH... IT'S TOO MUCH, MADAM...!

THAT'S...

THAT'S RIGHT. EVEN KANON-KUN'S MURDER CAN BE EXPLAINED WITH KUMASAWA-SAN.....!

SHUT UP!

I DON'T KNOW WHO... OR HOW MANY OF YOU ARE SUSPICIOUS, HOWEVER I'M SURE THE CRIMINAL IS AMONG YOU!!!

EH.....!?

YOU'RE MIS-UNDER-STANDING, OJOU-SAMA...! WHY WOULD I DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...!!

AND THEN, SHE LIED THAT 'WHEN SHE ARRIVED THERE LATER, HE WAS ALREADY COLLAPSED'!!

KUMASAWA-SAN KILLED KANON-KUN IN THE BOILER ROOM!!

CAN WE REALLY ASSUME IT SO SIMPLISTICLY!?

BUT, IF IT WAS NOT THE INVISIBLE WITCH'S DOING, THE ONLY HUMAN BEINGS WHO COULD HAVE PLACED THAT LETTER ON OUR BLIND SPOT ARE THE 4 OF THEM...!!!

IF YOU SAY THAT, THERE'S NO ALIBI IN ALL OF THE CASES, BUT...

...NOW THAT YOU MENTION THAT, WHEN MY PARENTS WERE KILLED, TOO, THE SER-VANTS DIDN'T HAVE AN ALIBI...

HOWEVER, BEING FATHER'S PHYSICIAN AND LONG TERM CLOSE FRIEND OF HIS,

YOU MIGHT KNOW ABOUT BEATRICE TOO

YOU KNOW OF SOME OLD BONDS OF THEM AND IS HIDING IT FROM US, AREN'T YOU...!?

DOCTOR NANJO, IT PAINS ME IN THE HEART TO SUSPECT YOU...

NATSUHI-SAN, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE CONFUSED IN YOUR HEART... BUT, PLEASE, CALM DOWN...!

THERE'S NO WAY I'D DO THAT...!

.....

ISN'T BEATRICE AN ILLUSION YOU SHOWED TO FATHER WITH YOURSELF AS THE PERFORMER!?

YOU ARE FATHER'S NUMBER ONE SUBORDI-NATE...

GENJI

... I THINK IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO BE RECOGNIZED AS THE MASTER'S NUMBER ONE SERVANT, IN SPITE OF THE CIRCUNSTANCES...

.....

NO! YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY THE LEADER!!

MAYBE KU-MASAWA AND DOCTOR NANJO ARE YOUR AC-COMPLICES!

... HOWEVER, I WAS NOT THE ONE WHO PLACE THE LETTER THERE...

ANSWER ME

NOW, WE'RE NOT IN POSITION TO LEAVE HER OUT OF SUSPICION ANYMORE

AND MARIA-CHAN TOO...!

DON'T TRY TO FOOL US!! WHO WAS THE ONE WHO HANDED YOU THE LETTER!!?

WHO IS THE BEATRICE WHO HANDED YOU THE LETTER YESTERDAY!!?

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LOOK, SHE'S THERE

I'LL SAY IT AS MANY TIMES AS IT TAKES, THE ONE WHO HANDED THE LETTER TO MARIA WAS BEATRICE, THE WITCH OF A THOUSAND YEARS!!

KIHIHIHIHI-HIHI, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW HER FORM, YOU JUST NEED TO TURN AROUND

STOP IT, JESSICA! AND YOU TOO, MARIA, QUIT WITH THE MEANINGLESS PROVOCATIONS!!

ARE YOU... ARE YOU MAKIN' FUN OF US, YOU DAMN BRAT!!!

BATTLER, WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE CRIMINAL?

AND YOU ONLY DIDN'T TAKE BITTEN AND WANTED TO BELIEVE HE A HUMAN CRIMINAL. LIVING WORLDVIEW WHICH YOU WANT TO CAST DOUBTS FOR. YOUR FRIENDS WHO WERE KILLED.

YOU ONLY BELIEVE BEATRICE WHICH YOU DIDN'T WANT TO SUSPECT YOUR. RELATIONSHIPS.

THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T SEE HER.

YOU SEEM TO BE DOING NOTHING BUT TO SPREAD DISCOMFORT AND DISORDER AROUND YOU!!!

BE SILENT !!

BEATRICE 'DOES' EXIST! AND YOU GUYS CAN'T SEE HER!!

AND YOU GUYS CAN'T SEE HER!!

SHOOT MARIA?

... THEN, WHAT YOU WANNA DO?

WE DON'T NEED TO FEAR DEATH ANYMORE.

MIHI-HIMI

I DON'T CARE, YOU KNOW? VERY SOON, THE WORLD TO THE OTHERSIDE LAND WILL BE OPENED.

AND THEN, ALL THE DEAD WILL BE RESURRECTED

THE LETTER WAS MEANT TO PROVOKE US, BUT EVEN THE CRIMINAL MUST BE AFRAID OF TOMORROW.

KU...

THINGS WILL GO BACK TO NORMAL!

TOMORROW, THE TYPHOON WILL GO AWAY AND THE POLICE WILL COME!

THERE'S NO REASON TO SHOOT MARIA-CHAN!

NATSUHI-OBA-SAN, CALM DOWN...!

.....WHY THE HECK IS THIS!?

SO, DON'T SHOOT.....!

EVEN THOUGH THE CRIMINAL WHO KILLED YOUR OWN PARENTS MIGHT BE AMONG THESE 4 PEOPLE, HOW CAN YOU STAY SO CALM!!

HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM, GEORGE-NII-SAN!!

I ALSO FEEL LIKE KILLING THE CRIMINAL!

BUT... I'LL LEAVE THE JUDGE-MEMT OF THE CRIMES TO THE AU-THORITIES!

SO, YOU MUST NOT PULL THE TRIGGER!

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AT ANY RATE, SHOOTING IS NO GOOD, NO GOOD AT ALL...!

I'M... I'M THE SAME AS GEORGE-NO-ANIKI... NATSUHI-OBA-SAN, LET US CALM DOWN A BIT...

THIS IS ROKKENJIMA! IT'S THE HEAD HOUSE MANSION OF THE USHIROMIYA FAMILY!

.....I'LL MAKE THINGS CLEAR FOR ONCE!

IT'S MY DUTY AS A MOTHER! AND AS THE FAMILY REPRE-SENTA-TIVE!!!

NO MATTER WHAT YOU'RE SCHEMING, I WON'T LET YOU LAY A FINGER ON MY DAUGHTER AND NEPHEWS!!!

AS THE REPRESEN-TATIVE OF THE USHIROMIYA FAMILY, USHIROMIYA NATSUHI, I DECLARE!!

I DON'T RECOGNIZE THIS BEATRICE!!

THERE'S NO WITCH WHATSO-EVER IN THIS PLACE!!

ZZT
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...
DOCTOR NANJO...

...I UNDER-STAND

...IN THAT CASE, WE'LL LEAVE THE ROOM

I UNDER-STAND VERY WELL NAT-SUHI-- SAN'S FEELING OF SUS-PICION ABOUT US...

WHAT DO YOU THINK, GENJI-SAN... ABOUT CON-TINUE OUR CHESS IN THE PARLOUR

I... I DON'T WANT THAT...!

I'LL BE EXPELLED FROM THE ROOM TOGETHER WITH THE WOLF INSIDE HERE, YOU KNOW...!?

NO, MADAM, PLEASE, DON'T LEAVE ME TO DIE THERE...!!

AUUU ...

...OK?

LET'S WATCH TV IN THE PARLOUR TOGETHER WITH MARIA

IT'S ALRIGHT, BECAUSE BEATRICE IS KIND TO THOSE WHO SHOW RE-SPECT

THEN, I'LL LEAVE INTO YOUR CUSTODY THE 2 KEYS OF THIS ROOM, AS WELL AS THE KEYS OF THE ROOMS INSIDE THE MANSION I CARRY WITH ME

...MY DAYS UP TO TODAY WERE ONLY MEANT TO REPAY THE FAVOURS I RECEIVED FROM THE MASTER.

PLEASE DO NOT FEEL WORRIED ABOUT IT...

...GENJI, WHEN FATHER DIED, I INTENDED TO ALLOW YOUR RETIREMENT AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF SERVICES...

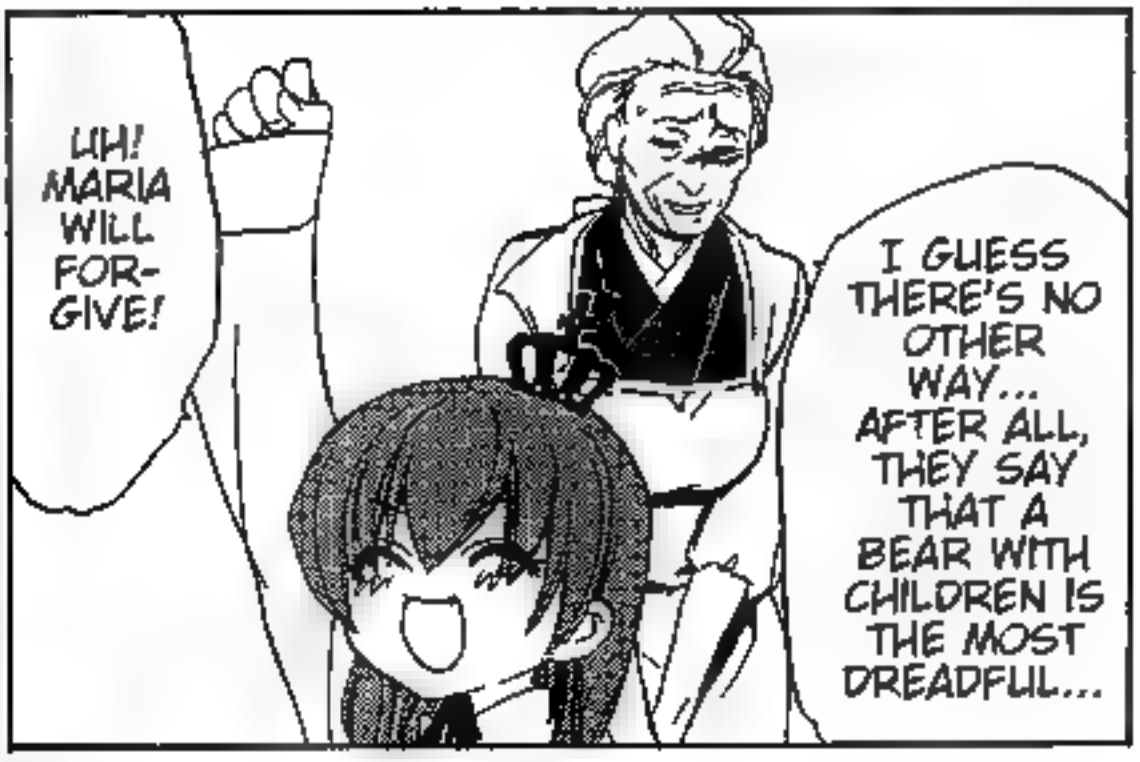
...AND YET, I HAVE TO GIVE YOU SUCH TREATMENT...

I FEEL ASHAMED FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART...

BUT, AT LEAST FOR TONIGHT, PLEASE, TRY TO COMPREHEND ME...

TOMORROW, WHEN THE POLICE COMES... I'LL BE SURE TO APOLOGIZE TO EVERYONE FOR THIS LACK OF GRATITUDE...

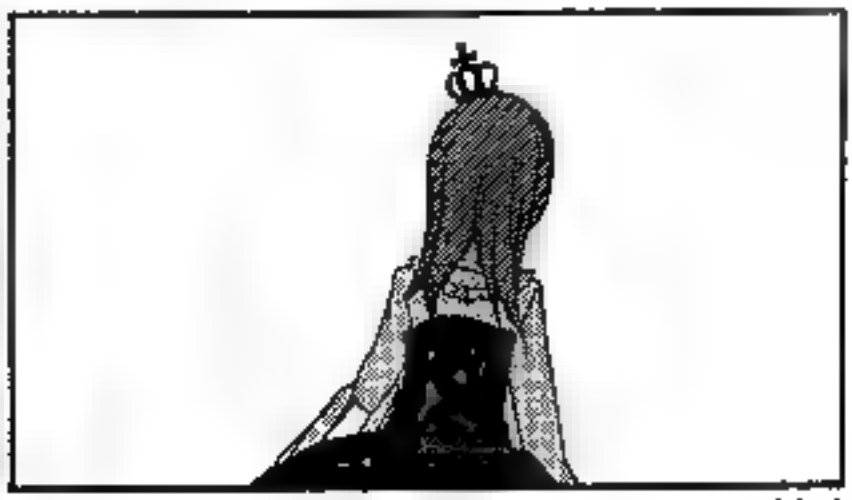
I... THINK I'M BEING EXTREMELY RUDE TO INNOCENT PEOPLE...


UH! MARIA WILL FOR-GIVE!
I GUESS THERE'S NO OTHER WAY... AFTER ALL, THEY SAY THAT A BEAR WITH CHILDREN IS THE MOST DREADFUL...

HAVE A GOOD NIGHT
... THEN, WE'LL TAKE OUR LEAVE FOR TONIGHT

EVERYONE... LET US MEET AGAIN... TOMORROW...
...IF POSSIBLE, STAY AT A SAFE PLACE

AH....



MARIA, WAIT A MINUTE

HERE... THE AMULET,

KEEP IT WITH YOU

I'D NEVER LOSE YOUR PRECIOUS AMULET

UH... BATTLER, I GUESS YOU TOLD ME YOU DROPPED AND LOST IT...

AT THAT TIME, I WAS JUST BRAGGING ABOUT BECAUSE I WAS KIND OF ANNOYED

...NOW... WE'RE SAFE...
NOW... DEFINI- ETLY...

I WONDER IF... THIS REALLY WAS FOR THE BEST.....

THERE'S A PART OF ME THAT FEELS SAFE NOW THAT THEY WERE EXPELLED FROM THE ROOM

DAMN ...!

SHOULD WE DEFY THE CHAOS OF THE WITCH WITH MORE CHAOS SUCH AS BANISHING ALL THE SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE...!?

...IS THIS AL-RIGHT !?

THE LETTER FROM EARLIER... DID IT HAVE A SECOND PAGE.....?

A MAGIC... CIRCLE ...?

WHY DID I JUST NOTICE IT NOW...

DAMN ...

IS THIS... A MES-SAGE FROM BEATRICE, TOO?

AND MARIA, WHO WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF MAGIC CIRCLES, WAS ALREADY DRIVEN AWAY FROM THE ROOM ...

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS MAGIC CIRCLE...!!?

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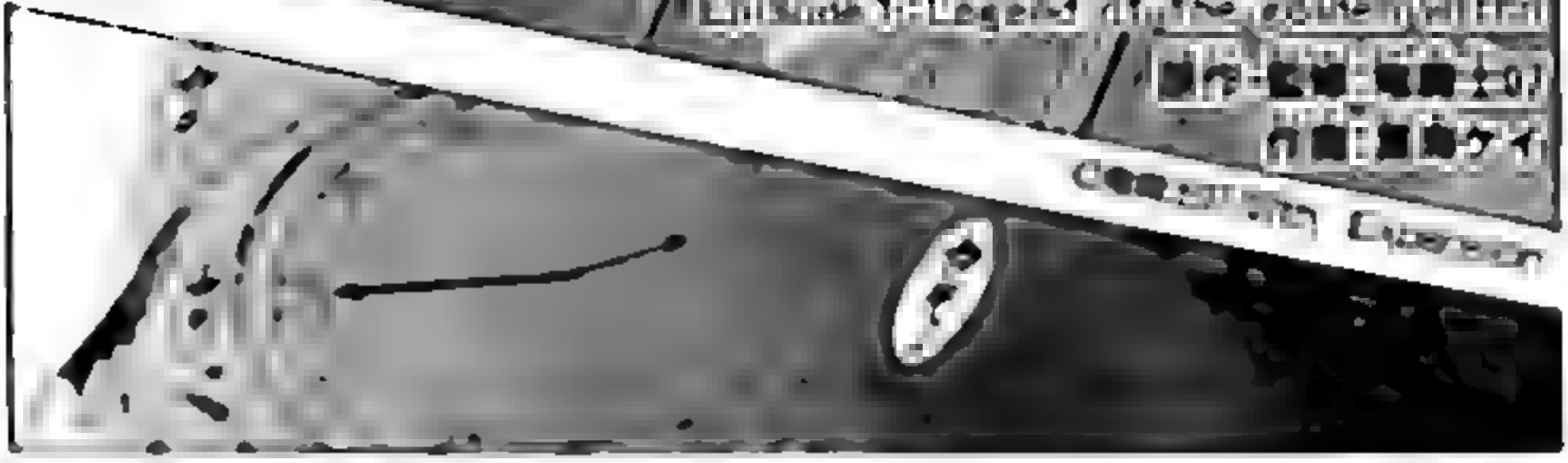
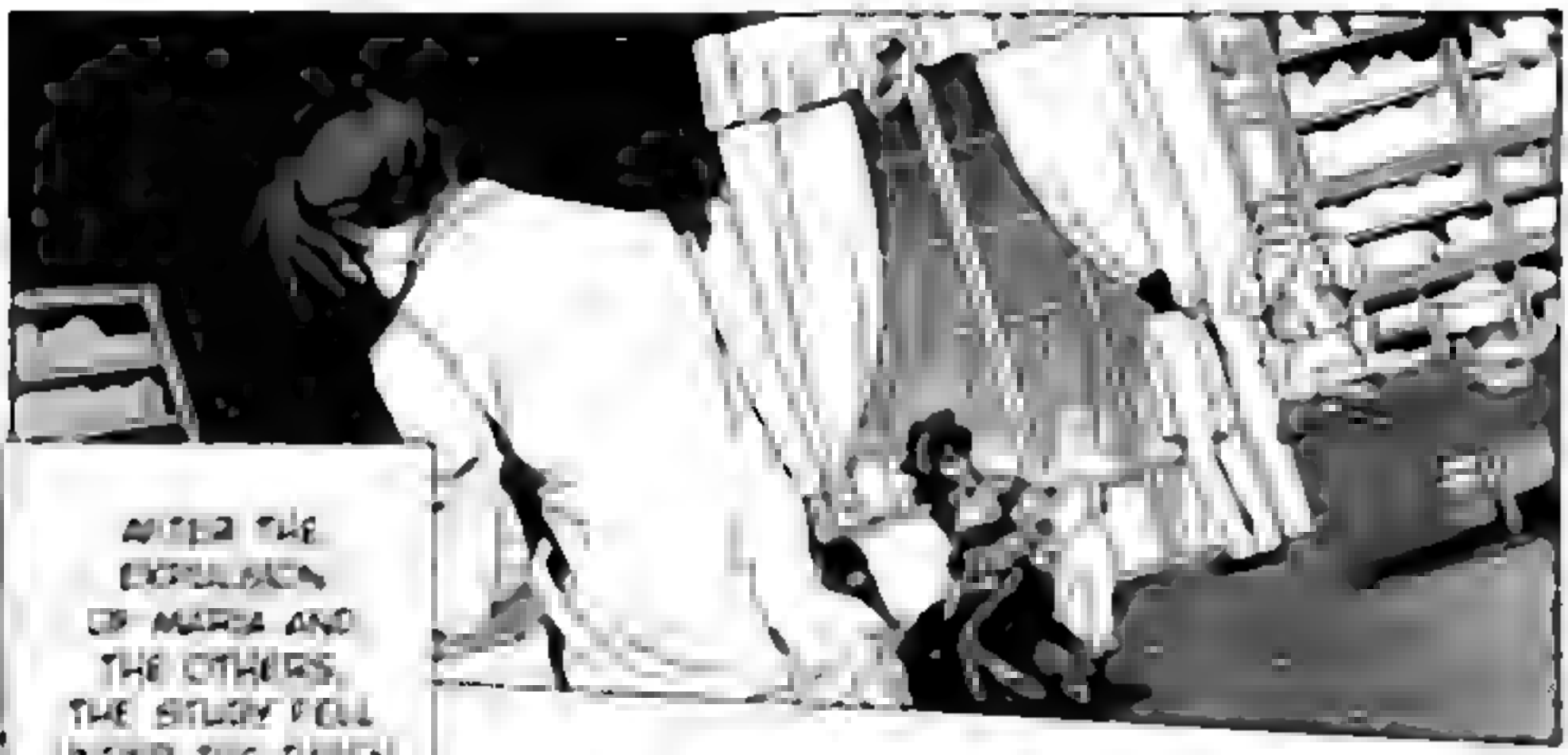




AFTER THE EXPULSION OF MARIA AND THE OTHERS, THE SITUATION FELL UNDER THE SPELL OF A SUFFOCATING SILENCE...

KNOWING VERY WELL THAT THERE MAY BE AN INNOCENT PERSON AMONG THEM...

THE ARRIVAL OF JUST ONE LETTER WAS ENOUGH FOR US TO SUSPECT AND EXILE THEM...

...WAS THIS THE RIGHT THING TO DO?

IF ONLY WE HAD ACKNOW-LEDGED THE EXISTENCE OF THE WITCH, THE 19TH PERSON

WOULDN'T WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE TRUSTING EACH OTHER?

I THOUGHT MAYBE I CAN DECIPHER THE MEANING OF THE MAGIC SQUARE IN THE LETTER.

YOU GO AHEAD AND REST FIRST ANIKI, I'M GONNA BE DOING A BIT OF RESEARCH

RESEARCH?

...FOR GOD'S SAKE, BATTLER

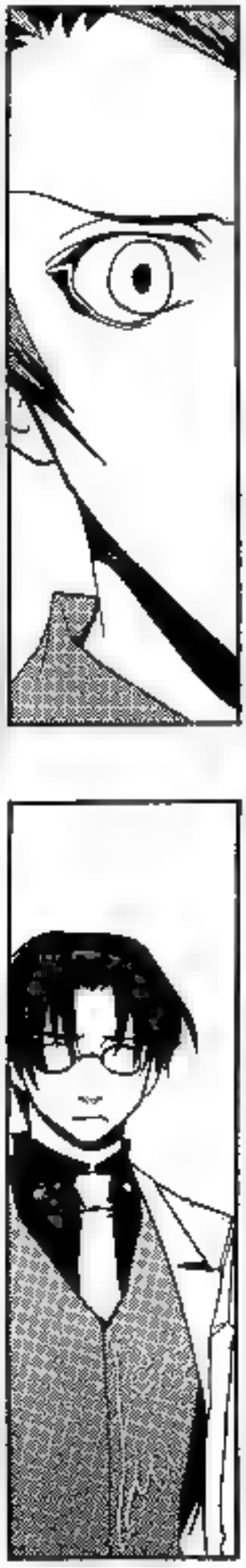
YOU'RE GONNA GET POSSESED BY SOMETHING IF YOU READ THESE BOOKS.

BUT, JUST AS EXPECTED FROM OUR WESTERN -LOVING GRANDFATHER, WHO WOULD GIVE HIS KIDS WEIRD NAMES, I CAN'T FIND A BOOK IN JAPANESE

...JUST HOW MANY LANGUAGES WAS GRANDFATHER ABLE TO READ?

I'M FINE
ACCORDING TO MARIA, I'M TERRIBLE AT CALLING SPIRITS.

I LET MY FEELINGS TAKE OVER AND SAID HORRIBLE THINGS TO HER
...
IF MARIA WASN'T INVOLVED, AND IF THE CULPRIT WAS SOMEONE ELSE... THE CULPRIT WOULD DEFINITELY AIM FOR THE EASIEST TARGET TO ATTACK.



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MAYBE I
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WAS TOO CRUEL TO MARIA
...

IF SHE GOT KILLED NOW ...

IT WOULD MEAN THAT WE LET HER DIE...

EVEN IF THEY WERE JUST JOKES, EXILING THEM FROM THIS ROOM WAS COMPLETELY MY IDEA.

MARIA HAS REPEATEDLY IMPLIED THAT SHE HAS MADE CONTACT WITH, AND IS SUPPORTING THE CULPRIT.

THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU THREE TO FEEL SORRY.

SHE'S DIGGING HER OWN GRAVE...!

WHY DOES MARIA HAVE TO SAY THOSE THINGS ...

... DAMMIT ...

THAT MARIA-CHAN STARTED TO INDULGE HERSELF IN WITCHCRAFT AND MAGIC

I THINK IT MIGHT BE ROSA-OBA-SAN'S FAULT ....

... HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED, BATTLER-KUN?

WHAT?

I THINK HER MOTHER'S EMOTIONAL REJECTION PROBABLY LEFT A DEEP SCAR IN MARIA-CHAN'S YOUNG HEART

AND AT SOME POINT SHE CAME ACROSS THE OCCULT, AND SHE DEVOTED HERSELF TO IT AS IF TO FILL THE HOLE IN HER HEART...

ROSA-OBA-SAN OCASIONALLY GOT EMOTIONAL AND BEAT MARIA-CHAN

AND IT ALWAYS LOOKED TO ME LIKE SHE WAS *TRYING TO LOVE* MARIA-CHAN, PRECISELY BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T.

OBA-SAN KEEPS SAYING HE'S ON A BUSINESS TRIP, BUT MARIA'S FATHER ACTUALLY DISAPPEARED YEARS AGO ...

SHE WAS PROBABLY THINKING OF REMARRYING. THAT'S WHY... SHE WASN'T VERY FOND OF MARIA-CHAN, WHO WAS A HINDRANCE TO HER...

TO MARIA, WITCHES WERE PROBABLY PEOPLE THAT WORE BEAUTIFUL DRESSES AND USED MAGIC TO MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY...

MAGIC TO MAKE FRIENDS

MAGIC THAT MAKES CANDY RAIN

... NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT .. THE NOTEBOOK MARIA SHOWED TO US AT THE BEACH WAS FILLED WITH CHEERFUL DRAWINGS...

AND TO ESCAPE THE SADNESS OF NOT BEING LOVED BY HER MOTHER, MARIA SOUGHT REFUGE WITH THE WITCHES..

AND IF A PERSON WHO CLAIMED TO BE BEATRICE, THE WITCH OF ROKKENJIMA APPEARED IN FRONT OF HER

AND TOLD HER SHE WOULD TAKE HER TO THE GOLDEN LAND WHERE SHE CAN BE HAPPY...

I DO FEEL BAD ABOUT IT

SENDING MARIA-CHAN AND THE OTHERS OUT... MAYBE IT WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA..

GUYS IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE, BUT I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE...

IF THOSE FOUR ARE INNOCENT... THEN WHO COULD HAVE PLACED THE LETTER ON THAT DESK IN THIS LOCKED ROOM, WITHOUT BEING NOTICED BY EIGHT PEOPLE?

IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE BUT THOSE FOUR WHO WERE BEHIND ME TO PLACE IT THERE.

THEN HOW DO YOU INTEND TO EXPLAIN THAT LETTER?

BUT THAT'S NO GOOD...

... AAH ...

IF WE THINK ABOUT IT THAT WAY, THEN THOSE FOUR ARE DEFINITELY SUSPICIOUS ...

... THAT'S JUST IT ..

IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE, BUT LET ME FLIP THE CHESSBOARD JUST ONE MORE TIME ...

NO GOOD ... NO GOOD AT ALL...

IF THERE FOUR REALLY WERE THE CULPRITS, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

PLACING A LETTER ON THE TABLE AT THAT POINT IS LIKELY TO BE VERY, VERY SUSPICIOUS!...!

IT WAS THE SIXTH VICTIM

THEY WOULD BE SUMMONED IN THAT ORDER [illegible] THE CULPRIT WAS CLUTCHING THE LETTER!

THEY WOULD HAVE STOOD IN THE ROOM TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE IT WAS [illegible] FROM THE OUTSIDE

IF THE CULPRIT WAS INDEED OUTSIDE THIS ROOM, THEN THIS LETTER IS GIVEN A WHOLE NEW PURPOSE...!

LEAVING THE TRICK BEHIND PLACING THE LETTER ASIDE

THAT'S WHY THOSE FOUR CAN'T BE GUILTY

STOP THIS, BATTLER-KUN, IT IS A TRIFLING MATTER AT THIS POINT

PURPOSE ...?

MARIA ALSO SAID IT WHEN SHE SAW THE SCORPION'S MAGIC SQUARE ON THE DOORKNOB OF THE STUDY...!

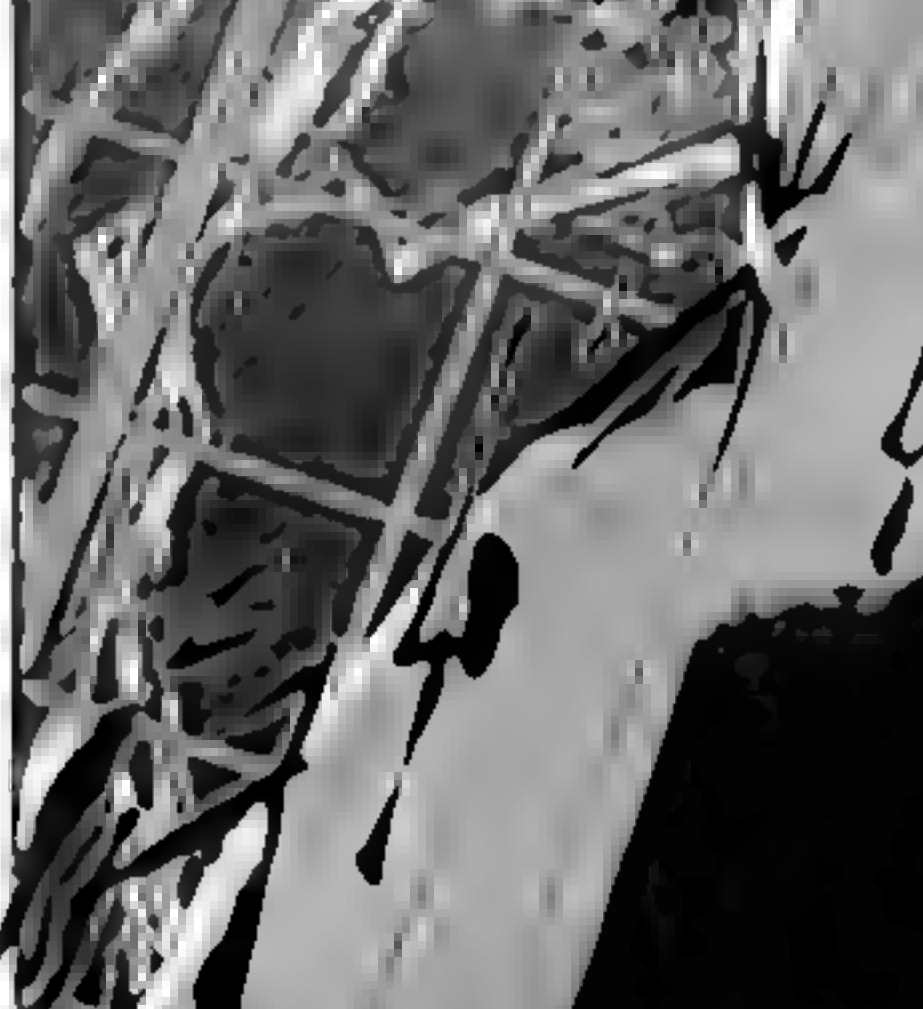
... AH THAT'S RIGHT, I ALREADY EXPLAINED THIS WHEN GRANDFATHER DISAPPEARED FROM THE STUDY ...!

THE CULPRIT OUTSIDE THE ROOM CAN'T DO ANYTHING IF WE JUST STAYED IN A LOCKED ROOM

SO IF THE CULPRIT HAD SET SOMETHING UP TO MAKE US WALK OUT OF THE ROOM BY OURSELVES...!

BEATRICE CAN'T GET PAST THIS DOOR

BUT SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE HIM COME OUT OF THE STUDY



¡WOW!

I'M REALLY GRATEFUL FOR YOU STAYING CALM AND LEADING US THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AND I'M GLAD JESSICA HAS SUCH A GOOD MOM

I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR THAT ...

AS A MOTHER, YOU WANTED TO PROTECT YOUR DAUGHTER

AND EXILED THEM KNOWING VERY WELL THAT YOU WOULD BE CONDEMNED, RIGHT...?

THAT'S WHY... I ALSO WISHED YOU COULD HAVE BEEN MARIA'S MOTHER...

THERE NEVER WAS A CULPRIT AMONG US...

LET'S ALL JUST STAY TOGETHER...

PLEASE ... MOM ...

BOOM

C'MON, LET'S JUST SAY THAT THE WITCH BEATRICE IS THE CULPRIT...

LET'S STOP SUSPECTING EACH OTHER...

I WOULD TURN MYSELF INTO A DEMON IF IT WAS IN ORDER TO PROTECT YOU.

JESSICA... IS MY DEAR DAUGHTER THAT I WAS BLESSED WITH AFTER 12 YEARS OF BEING MARRIED TO MY HUSBAND

WHILE KNOWING THAT THE FOUR WE EXPELLED MIGHT BE IN DANGER...

IS WAITING FOR DAWN THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO ...?

DAMMIT...

IF ONLY I KNEW THE MESSAGE BEHIND THAT MAGIC SQUARE...

WHAT DOES IT SAY? BATTLER-KUN

I FOUND IT...

IT'S THIS MAGIC SQUARE ..!

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...WO... ...WHOA WHOA...

... YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS ...

AND THE MEANING OF THE SQUARE IS...

THE HEBREW ON IT IS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT, PSALMS 77:13, "WHAT GOD IS SO GREAT AS OUR GOD?"

...THE MAGIC SQUARE IS CALLED... THE THIRD OF MARS...

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"DISCORD"

"CAUSES INTERNAL DIVISION AND MAKES THE ENEMY CRUMBLE FROM WITHIN"

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THEN... THIS LETTER WAS A TRAP!? BUT HOW COULD ANYONE HAVE LEFT THIS LETTER ON THE DESK!!?

FORGET IT, SCREW HOW THEY LEFT IT ON THE TABLE!

THERE COULD ONLY BE ONE THING THE CULPRIT WAS AFTER! TO CAUSE PARANOIA IN THIS HEAVILY PROTECTED STUDY

AND MAKE US THROW OUT MORE SHEEP TO SACRIFICE...!!

MO...MOM WHAT SHOULD WE DO? THOSE FOUR ARE IN DANGER ...!!

NATSUHI OBA-SAN!

IT'S NO WONDER THAT AUNT NATSUHI IS AT A LOSS FOR WORDS

EVEN IF IT ALL WAS A TRAP AND THOSE FOUR THAT WE SENT OUT ARE IN DANGER, THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US HERE

THERE'S NO WAY TO PROVE THOSE FOUR'S INNOCENCE EITHER

...

MOM!

IF SHE HAS THE RESOLUTION TO LEAVE THEM TO DIE

THEN IT'S BEST TO NOT LEAVE THIS ROOM NO MATTER WHAT...!!

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SIX FRIENDS

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A PHONE CALL...?

WHY IS IT WORKING ...!?

I THOUGHT IT WAS OUT OF ORDER ...!!

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HELLO?

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IT SOMEHOW RETURNED TO WORKING ORDER?

NO... IF THE PHONE'S MAL-FUNCTIONING WAS THE CULPRIT'S DOING TO BEGIN WITH ...

THEN THIS IS PROBABLY ...

FROM THE CULPRIT ...?

HELLO?

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HELLO?

HELLO?

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WHA
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NO
ANSWER
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THIS IS
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A SONG
……?

HELLO!?

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HELLO!?

WHO'S
THIS!?
ANSWER
ME!

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I CAN HEAR A GIRL SINGING

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BUT IT SOUNDS FAR AWAY FROM THE HANDSET

THEN THE ONE WHO MADE THE CALL WASN'T MARIA...!

WHO... MADE THIS PHONE CALL!?

I'M JUST TELEPHONING THE TEST RESULTS!
AND MARIA'S IN DANGER!
I DON'T KNOW! BUT THIS IS MOST LIKELY A TRAP!
WH— WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT IS THIS !?

I WILL GO!

JESSICA, YOU STAY HERE.

LE... LET'S GO! WE CAN'T LEAVE MARIA-CHAN ALONE EVEN IF IT IS A TRAP!

IF WE'RE GOING, WE'RE ALL GOING!

NO, IF THIS PHONE CALL WAS MEANT TO GET US SEPARATED, THEN LEAVING SOMEBODY BEHIND ISN'T A GOOD IDEA!

SFX: HEAVY DOOR CREAKING

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ARE WE PLAYING RIGHT INTO THE CULPRIT'S HANDS...?

SFX: STAIRS (CREAK)

COULD WE BE REPLICATING GRANDFATHER'S DISAPPEARANCE ...?

DESPITE HAVING FORTIFIED HIMSELF IN A SAFE STUDY, HE WAS LURED OUT

AND STEPPED INTO THE DANGER ZONE, WHERE HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT COULD HAPPEN ...

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I'LL OPEN THE DOOR... NATSUHI OBA-SAN AND BATTLER -KUN, HAVE YOUR WEAPONS READY...

THOSE "DEVIL'S STAKES" THAT WERE STABBED INTO THE CORPSES ...

I'VE BEEN THINKING ...

PIERCING THROUGH THE SKULL WITH A WEAPON WITH SUCH A SHORT HANDLE ISN'T EASY...

THERE MUST BE SOME KIND OF MECHANISM THAT SHOOTS OUT THOSE STAKES.

YOU MIGHT BE ATTACKED THE MOMENT WE OPEN THE DOOR ...

BE CAREFUL YOU TWO ...

...
I'M OPE-NING IT...

NATSUHI OBA-SAN, LET'S SPLIT TO THE SIDES THE MOMENT WE JUMP IN.

IT'S LOCKED. NATSUHI OBA-SAN, THE KEY TO THE ROOM, PLEASE.

MARIA CONTINUES TO SING ...

...
READY, BATTLER -KUN...?

SHE REPEATS THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER WITH A MECHANICAL TONE LIKE A BROKEN CASSETTE TAPE

DID THE KILLER ORDER HER TO SING? IS SHE IN THE ROOM TOGETHER WITH THE CULPRIT RIGHT NOW?

WILL S REALLY BE ABLE TO FIGHT THE KILLER WITH JUST A CANDELABRUM?

HEHEHEH ... WISH I COULD SAY NO ...

..... NO ...

IF THEY'RE GONNA SHOOT A STAKE AT ME I'LL JUST SLAM THIS CANDELABRUM IN THEIR FACE!!!

I CAN'T GET DISCOURAGED!

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LET'S GO!

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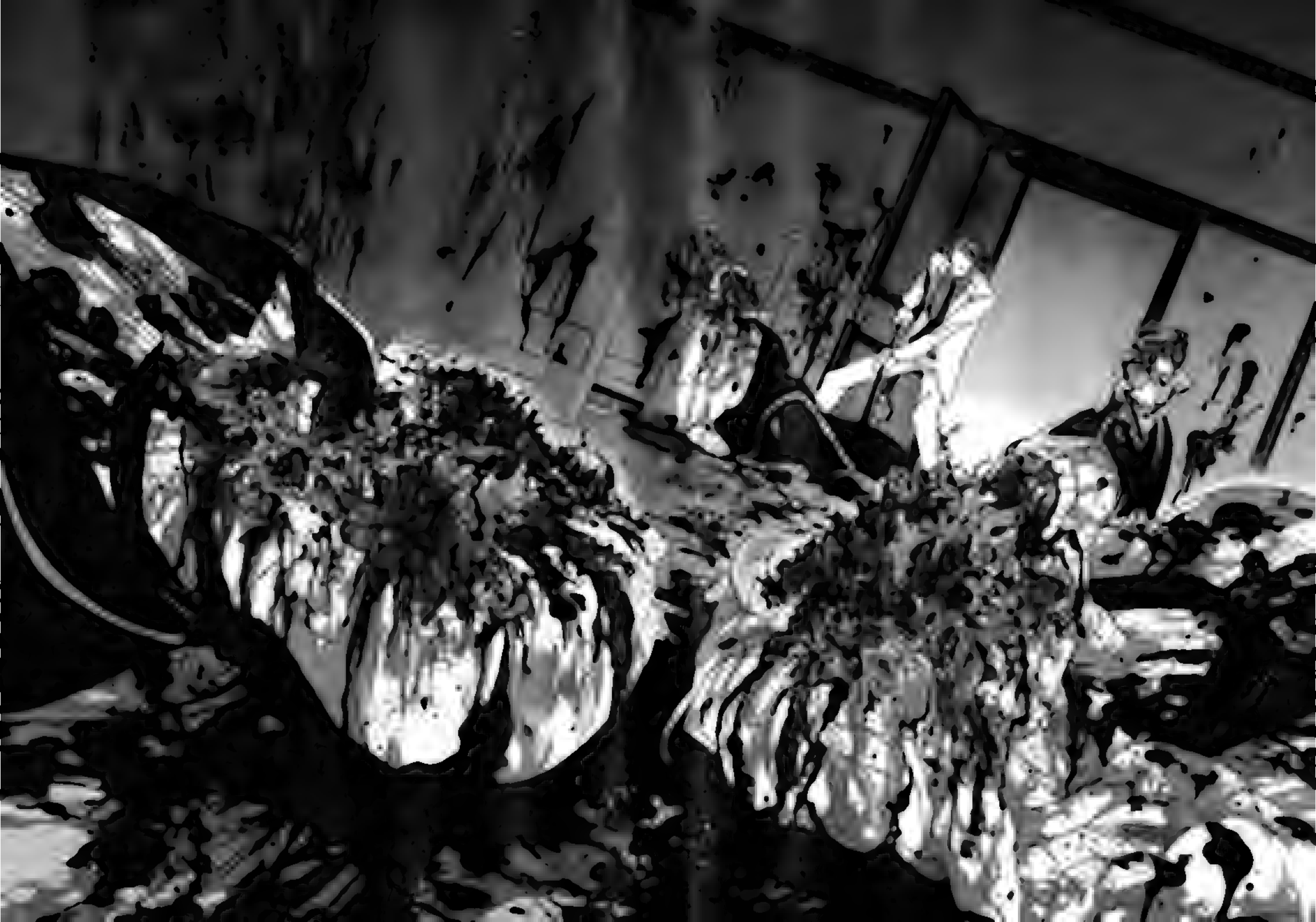

KUMASAWA -SAN ...

DR. NANJO ...

A SEA OF BLOOD ...

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THEIR FACES ARE FUCKED UP BEYOND ALL RECOGNITION .....!!!!!

THAT'S GENJ-SAN AND .....

AND THAT'S NOT ALL!

GENJI-SAN'S STOMACH! DR. NANJO'S THIGH! KUMASAWA-SAN'S SHIN!

THEY ALL HAVE THOSE DEVIL'S STAKES STABBED INTO THEM!!!

YOU'VE DONE
FANTASTIC!
ACCEPTING
TO THE
EPISODE

OH,
I SEE

YOU'VE
FINISHED
EVERYTHING
UP TO THE
SIXTH
TWILIGHT
!!!

WHY

IT'S IRRATIONAL ...!!!

WHY IS MARIA THE ONLY ONE SAFE?

HOW CAN SHE CONTINUE SINGING SO CALMLY IN SUCH A SITUATION ...

DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME!?

MA... MARIA! STOP SINGING!

MARIA!

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THE THREE CORPSES WITH STAKES STUCK IN THEIR CRUSHED FACES

THE BLOOD-STAINED PARLOUR

DID SHE

NO, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE

BUT

MARIA! STOP SIN-GING!

ARE YOU LISTE-NING TO ME !!?

THE BIZARRE SPECTACLE THAT APPEARS RIGHT BEFORE THEIR EYES...

WAS MARIA... THE ONE WHO DID IT .....!!?

FINAL CHAPTER:
[THE GOLDEN LAND]

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THIS EVENING, THE DOOR TO THE GOLDEN LAND SHALL BE OPENED

大絶賛放送中!!

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MARIA!

STOP SHOUTING!

MARIA,

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

WHO DID THIS!!?

...UU--

BEATRICE

STOP IT, BATTLER-KUN

MARIA-CHAN, THIS TIME YOU SHOULD HAVE DEFINITELY SEEN THE FACE OF THE CULPRIT WHO KILLED THOSE THREE.

WAS THE CULPRIT THE ONE THAT HANDED YOU THE LETTER, BEATRICE!?

..ST

STOP KIDDING AROUND!

SO, MARIA, HOW DID SHE KILL THOSE THREE!?

JUST HOW WAS SHE ABLE TO SLAUGHTER THEM SO BRUTALLY!!?

A 19TH PERSON EXISTS! BEATRICE IS REAL!

AAH! THEN WITH THIS, IT'S SETTLED!

UU--... BEATRICE

I DON'T KNOW

CALM DOWN, BATTLER-KUN!

SURELY YOU CAN'T SAY THAT YOU WERE TOO BUSY SINGING TO NOTICE!!?

IT HAPPENED RIGHT IN THIS ROOM!

T-THERE'S NO WAY YOU WOULDN'T KNOW, RIGHT!!?

MARIA-CHAN, LET'S HAVE A TALK TOGETHER

...OKAY?

MARIA-CHAN...

WHY WERE YOU FACING THE WALL AND SINGING A SONG?

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BEATRICE TOLD ME RIGHT HERE

THAT I SHOULD FACE THE WALL AND SING SONGS FOR A WHILE.

AT THAT TIME, WERE GENJI-SAN AND THE OTHERS STILL ALIVE?

THEN BEATRICE CAME OVER HERE?

SHE TRANSFORMED INTO BUTTERFLIES AND WENT IN THROUGH THE CRACK OF THE DOOR.

THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL YOU.

AFTER ALL, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME EVEN IF I DID TELL YOU.

A-AND THEN?

BEATRICE SHOWED HERSELF? AND WHAT DID EVERYONE DO?

HAAH!!?

MAKING UP ALL THIS NONSENSE!

THAT'S WHY THE LOCKED DOOR DOESN'T MATTER AT ALL.

BUT BEATRICE IS A WITCH.

WITH HER MYSTERIOUS MAGIC, SHE CAN DO ANYTHING.

KINIHINI-NIHINIHINI

KINIHINI-NIHINIHINI, YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME?

EVERYONE WAS UNWILLING

KUMASAWA-SAN KEPT SAYING "NO, NO!"

BEATRICE SAID THAT GRANDFATHER'S STUDY WAS PROTECTED BY VERY POWERFUL MAGIC SO SHE COULDN'T ENTER IT NO MATTER WHAT.

THAT'S WHY SHE SAID SHE'D CHOOSE HER SACRIFICES FROM THE FOUR PEOPLE IN THIS PARLOUR.

BUT BEATRICE IS THE ONE THAT GETS TO CHOOSE.

AND BEATRICE TOLD MARIA THAT SHE WOULD BE FINE.

DO YOU KNOW WHY?

IT'S BECAUSE I HAD THE SCORPION CHARM THAT YOU USED TO PRAY FOR MY PROTECTION.

AND BECAUSE OF THAT POWER, I WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT BEATRICE WASN'T ABLE TO DO ANYTHING TO.

SHE CHOSE THE OTHER THREE AS SACRIFICES.

COME NOW, FACE THE WALL AND SING ME A SONG.

AND THEN

BEATRICE SAID

YOU'RE GOING TO SING LOTS AND LOTS OF SONGS

SO THAT EVEN IF SOMETHING HAPPENS OR IF YOU HEAR SOMETHING

YOU WON'T HEAR IT, YOU WON'T HEAR IT, AND YOU WON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING.

AND THEN BATTLES CAME ALONG!! LIL—

..YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THAT!?

DON'T LOOK DOWN ON US!!!

KIHIHIHI-HIHIHIHI!

THEN WHO WILL YOU SUSPECT THIS TIME?

WILL YOU SUSPECT MARIA?

WHY DON'T YOU TRY KILLING MARIA HERE?

EVEN IF YOU DO SO, MARIA WON'T CEASE TO "EXIST".

WITH THIS, THE EIGHTH TWILIGHT HAS ENDED!

BEATRICE WILL BE RESSU-RECTED!!

AS IF THERE'S LIKE WITCHES FAMILIAR EXIST!

BEATRICE DOESN'T EXIST! I ABSOLUTELY REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE HER!

LEGENDS WILL REMAIN AS LEGENDS.

I WON'T ALLOW HER TO BE RESSU-RECTED!

THAT'S WHY I WON'T ALLOW HER TO EXIST!

ABSOLUTELY

WILL NOT ACKNOWLEDGE SUCH THINGS!!

THAT'S RIGHT, BATTLER-KUN.

IT'S JUST THAT SHE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO OBEY BEATRICE WITHOUT OPPOSING HER.

STOP, BATTLER! IT'S NOT LIKE MARIA KILLED THEM!

...EH...?

...MOM..?

WHERE DID YOU GO...?

...IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR NATSUHI-OBA-SAN, SHE LEFT THE ROOM BY HERSELF JUST NOW WHILE READING A LETTER.

A LETTER!!?

THERE WAS ANOTHER LETTER FROM BEATRICE..!!?

...!

BUT EVEN THOUGH NATSUMI-OBA-SAN WAS ARMED, WHY WOULD SHE LEAVE THE ROOM BY HERSELF AFTER READING THAT LETTER!!?

SHE PROBABLY WANTED TO BRAG AGAIN, SO SHE LEFT A LETTER BEHIND.

WELL, YEAH. UNTIL THE EIGHTH TWILIGHT, THINGS HAVE BEEN QUITE RELAXED.

AND WHERE DID SHE DISAPPEAR OFF TO!?

WHAT WAS NATSUMI-OBA-SAN THINKING?

W-WHAT'S WITH THIS!

IT WON'T OPEN!!!

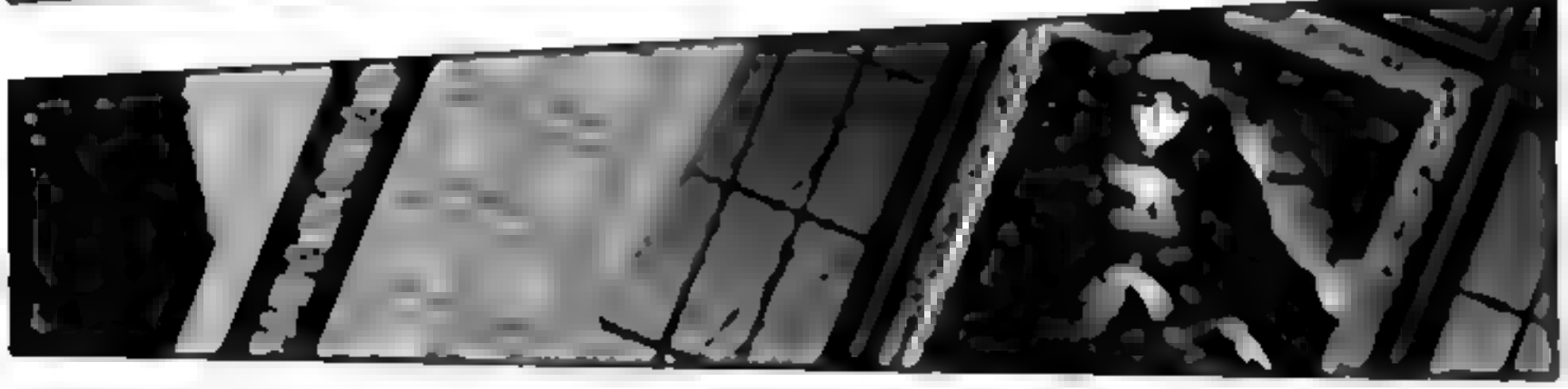
MOM!?

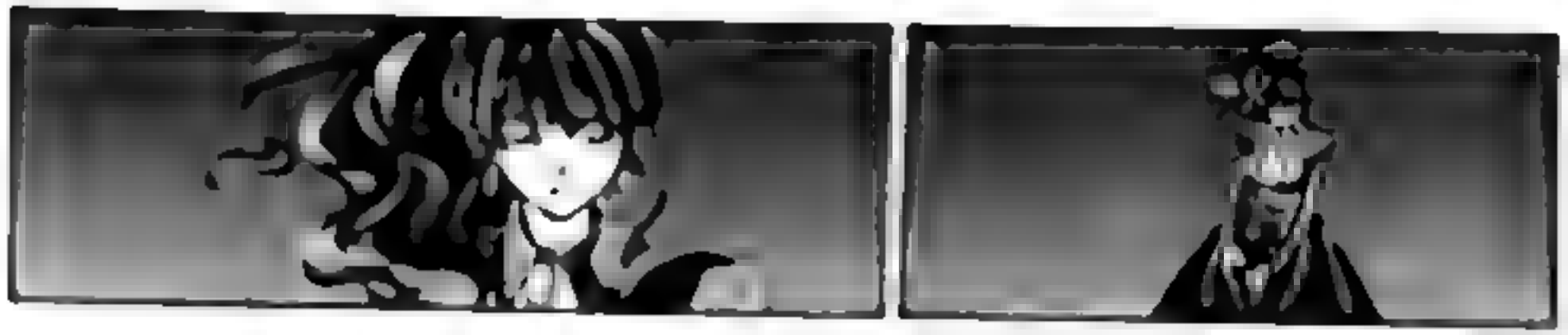
MOM! MOTHER!!?

OPEN UP...

OPEN UP...!!!

MOTHER!!





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BUT THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM..

SOMEONE LIKE YOU ACTUALLY EXSTING IN REAL LIFE.... IS SOMETHING I CAN'T BELIEVE EVEN NOW...

AND I, WHO BRAGS ABOUT BEING THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE USHIROMIYA FAMILY, ARE BOTH HERE RIGHT NOW.

YOU, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE TAKEN OVER THE HEAD POSITION,

... SO YOU'VE FINALLY DECIDED TO SHOW YOURSELF.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE REALLY A WITCH IS ALREADY A TRIVIAL MATTER.

... NOW LET'S SETTLE THIS.

...OR YOU... BEATRICE...!?

MR. USHIROMIYA KATSUHITO!

WHICH OF US WILL INDEED TAKE OVER THE USHIROMIYA FAMILY?

ALLOW ME TO HUMBLY PROPOSE A DUEL BETWEEN THE TWO OF US...!

READY, SET...

...
A GUNSHOT
...!?

NATSUHI-
OBA-SAN
SHOT THE
CULPRIT
....!!

BANG

MOM!
MOTHEEER!!

M....

DON'T ACT
ON YOUR OWN,
JESSICAAA!

JESSICA-
CHAN!

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MOM!?
MOM!!!

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THEN
NATSUMI
OBA-SAN...
SHOT...
HER OWN
FOREHEAD
...!?

WHY DID NATSUHI OBA-SAN SNEAK OUT OF THE ROOM BY HERSELF AND SHOOT HER OWN FOREHEAD!!?

TH..... THIS MAKES NO SENSE!!!

DAMN! WHAT DID OBA-SAN READ THAT LURE HER HERE!?

THERE'S NO LETTER!

NATSUHI OBA-SAN SUPPOSEDLY LEFT THE ROOM AFTER READING A LETTER ...

JUST WHY!? WHY SUICIDE!?

WHY DID YOU LEAVE ME BEHIND!?

IF YOU'RE HERE, THEN SHOW YOURSELF!

GOD DAMN IT!!

WHO WAS IT!?

OUR PARENTS!! EVERYONE!! WHO KILLED THEM ALL!!?

THE HELL WITH THE WITCH'S REVIVAL RITUAL! DON'T SCREW WITH ME!!!

WITH THIS, THE RITUAL HAS FINALLY ENDED.....

THE DOOR TO THE GOLDEN LAND WILL BE OPENED AT LAST.

AND ON THE TENTH TWILIGHT, THE JOURNEY WILL END AND YOU SHALL ARRIVE AT THE GOLDEN LAND.

ON THE NINTH TWILIGHT, THE WITCH WILL BE RESURRECTED AND NOBODY WILL BE LEFT ALIVE.

CONGRATULATIONS, BEATRICE!

CONGRA-TULATIONS.

I DEFI-NITELY WILL NOT DIE!

UNTIL THE TYPHOON PASSED AT DAWN! UNTIL THE SEAGULLS RETURN!

THERE WERE 18 PEOPLE ON THIS ISLAND! THE FOUR OF US ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT SURVIVED !!

WHAT'S THERE TO ENJOY!? WHAT'S THERE TO CONGRA-TULATE!?

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I'LL SURVIVE!! I WILL DEFINITELY SURVIVE!!

KIHI-HIHI-HIHI

SURVIVING, WHATEVER, IT'S ALREADY THE END, BATTLER.

LOOK, TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR WATCH.

THE JOURNEY HAS ALREADY ENDED.

IT'S NEARLY MIDNIGHT.... THE TIME WHEN TODAY ENDS... AND TOMORROW BEGINS...

WHEN TIME RUNS OUT, I'LL HAVE WON.

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THERE ARE NO DRAWS.

... IN THE GOLDEN LAND, ALL OF THE DECEASED WILL BE RESURRECTED.

EVEN LOST LOVE WILL BE RESURRECTED.

THAT'S WHY IT'LL BE AS IF THE DAYS OF LOST LOVE UP UNTIL TODAY

AS WELL AS TODAY'S TRAGEDY DIDN'T OCCUR.

SO, GUIDE MARIA

TO THE GOLDEN LAND YOU TOLD ME ABOUT ...

RIGHT NOW ...!!

NO WAY .....

AS IF I COULD BEAR SOMETHING THIS PREPOS-TEROUS...

I MEAN, THIS IS THE HUMAN WORLD.

BEATRICE!

SOMETHING LIKE YOU CAN'T "EXIST" ...!!!!!

I WON'T ACKNOWLEDGE WITCHES...!!

I'LL MAKE YOU EAT LEAD BULLETS !!!

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!!?

YOU JUST TRY MOVING ONE FINGER !!

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...
HUMANS ARE FOOLISH, AREN'T THEY?

KIHI HIHI HIHI

THERE'S NO POINT IN USING LEAD BULLETS ON BEATRICE.

KIHI HIHI HIHI HIHI HIHI

TOCK TICK TOCK TICK

TICK

BATTLER DAEGUE ONE-CHAN AND JESSICA ONEE-CHAN

THE JOURNEY HAS ENDED AND THE WITCH HAS BEEN RESURRECTED. YOU FALLIN' AND NOBODY WILL BE LEFT ALIVE.

ONE IS ALL THE GOLD IN THE GOLDEN LAND. ONE IS THE RESURRECTION OF THE SOULS OF ALL THE DECEASED. ONE IS THE RESURRECTION OF LOST LOVE.

ONE IS THE CONDEMNATION OF THE WITCH TO AN ETERNAL REST

THE WITCH WILL EXTOL THE WISE MAN AND BESTOW UPON HIM FOUR TREASURES.

DON'T SCREW WITH ME! I'LL KILL YOUUU!!!

SLEEP IN PEACE, MY BELOVED WITCH, BEATRICE.

I WON'T ACK-NOW-LEDGE WIT-CHEE-EEE-EEE-EEE-EEE-EEE-EEE-SSS-SSS !!!

THE STORM PASSED AND THE ominous CLOUDS THAT HAD ENGULFED THE ISLAND STARTED TO CLEAR UP. THE SEAGULLS RETURNED TO THE PORT AND THEIR LIVELY CRIES COULD BE HEARD ONCE MORE.

BOTH THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE WITCH'S BANQUET AND THE BEAUTY OF GOLDEN LAND IS A STORY THAT ONLY THEY CAN TELL OF...

THE HUMANS THAT TURNED UP AFTER THE BANQUET ENDED DID NOT HAVE ANY STORIES TO TELL. THEY COULD ONLY IMAGINE WHAT HAPPENED ON THOSE TWO DAYS.

HOWEVER, THE WITCH IS FICKLE. SHE DARED TO LEAVE BEHIND THIS STORY THAT DOESN'T NEED TO BE TOLD, AND SHE PERMITTED THIS STORY TO BE SPREAD.

IN THE END, THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO FIND THE MEANING OF THE GOLDEN THEY WERE THOUGHT TO HAVE DISCOVER.

BUT WITH THE AMOUNT OF BODIES THAT WERE FOUND, AS WELL AS THE GRUESOME CRIME SCENES, IT WAS HOPELESS FOR THE 13 PEOPLE TO BE ALIVE...

THE FRAGMENTS OF A NOTEBOOK, TIGHTLY AND NEATLY ROLLED UP, WRITTEN WITH SMALL AND CLOSELY PACKED LETTERS, WERE CRAMMED INSIDE.

SEVERAL YEARS LATER AT THE FOOT OF A MOUNTAIN RANGE, A STRANGE WINE BOTTLE FOUND FLOATING BETWEEN THE WAVES WAS PULLED OUT BY A FISHERMAN.

THAT WAS... THIS STORY.

AFTERWARDS, THIS STORY WAS CALLED "THE HOKKAIDO MASS MURDER INCIDENT", "THE HOKKAIDO MURDER OF 18 PEOPLE", ETC.

BECAUSE OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS NOTEBOOK, PEOPLE FINALLY KNEW OF THE PUZZLE AND THE TRUE NATURE OF THE TWO MYSTERIOUS DAYS FROM OCTOBER 4TH 1968.

THOSE THAT WERE INTO THE OCCULT CALLED IT "THE WITCH LEADING SERIAL MURDER INCIDENT" AND MADE IT KNOWN THAT EVERYONE ON THE ISLAND CLOSED OFF TO THE WORLD DURING THE TWO DAYS FOCUSED IN MYSTERIES WAS BRUTALLY MUTILATED AS A RESULT OF THE IMMORTAL CANNIBAL PRACTICE.

FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF HER DAMAGED JAW PIECE, THE POLICE COULDN'T FIND ANY OTHER PARTS OF HER BODY. IT WAS PROBABLY HOPELESS FOR HER TO STILL BE ALIVE.

THE WITCH'S RECORD

KRAUSS USHIROMIYA: DECEASED ON THE 1ST TWILIGHT. CHOSEN BY THE KEY TO THE GOLDEN LAND AND OFFERED UP AS A SACRIFICE.

RUDOLPH USHIROMIYA: DECEASED ON THE 1ST TWILIGHT. CHOSEN BY THE KEY TO THE GOLDEN LAND AND OFFERED UP AS A SACRIFICE.

KYRIE USHIROMIYA: DECEASED ON THE 1ST TWILIGHT. CHOSEN BY THE KEY TO THE GOLDEN LAND AND OFFERED UP AS A SACRIFICE.

ROSA USHIROMIYA: DECEASED ON THE 1ST TWILIGHT. CHOSEN BY THE KEY TO THE GOLDEN LAND AND OFFERED UP AS A SACRIFICE.

SERVANT SHANNON: DECEASED ON THE 1ST TWILIGHT. CHOSEN BY THE KEY TO THE GOLDEN LAND AND OFFERED UP AS A SACRIFICE.

SERVANT . GOUDA: DECEASED ON THE 1ST TWILIGHT. CHOSEN BY THE KEY TO THE GOLDEN LAND AND OFFERED UP AS A SACRIFICE.

EVA USHIROMIYA: DECEASED ON THE 2ND TWILIGHT. PIERCED IN THE FOREHEAD BY THE "STAKE OF ASMODEUS".

HIDEYOSHI USHIROMIYA: DECEASED ON THE 2ND TWILIGHT. PIERCED IN THE FOREHEAD BY THE "STAKE OF BEELZEBUB".

KINZOU USHIROMIYA: DECEASED ON THE 4TH TWILIGHT. GOUGED IN THE FOREHEAD BY THE "STAKE OF MAMMON".

SERVANT KANON: DECEASED ON THE 5TH TWILIGHT. GOUGED IN THE CHEST BY THE "STAKE OF SATAN".

SERVANT GENJI: DECEASED ON THE 6TH TWILIGHT. GOUGED IN THE STOMACH BY THE "STAKE OF LUCIFER".

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN . NANJOU: DECEASED ON THE 7TH TWILIGHT. GOUGED IN THE KNEE BY THE "STAKE OF BELPHEGOR".

SERVANT KUMASAWA: DECEASED ON THE 8TH TWILIGHT. GOUGED IN THE LEG BY THE "STAKE OF LEVIATHAN".

WITCH BEATRICE: REVIVED ON THE 9TH TWILIGHT. SHE FINALLY OPENED THE DOOR TO THE GOLDEN LAND.

NATSUHI USHIROMIYA: DECEASED ON THE 9TH TWILIGHT. THE WITCH PRAISED HER NOBILITY AND GRANTED HER THE HONOR OF A DUEL.

GEORGE USHIROMIYA: MISSING ON THE 10TH TWILIGHT.THE WITCH INVITED HE WHO ACKNOWLEDGED HER EXISTENCE AND PROSTRATED HIMSELF TO THE GOLDEN LAND.

JESSICA USHIROMIYA: MISSING ON THE 10TH TWILIGHT. THE WITCH INVITED SHE WHO ACKNOWLEDGED HER EXISTENCE AND PROSTRATED HERSELF TO THE GOLDEN LAND.

MARIA USHIROMIYA: MISSING ON THE 10TH TWILIGHT. THE WITCH INVITED SHE WHO ACKNOWLEDGED HER EXISTENCE AND PROSTRATED HERSELF TO THE GOLDEN LAND.

BATTLER USHIROMIYA: MISSING ON THE 10TH TWILIGHT. WOULD THE WITCH INVITE HE WHO DENIES HER WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING HER EXISTENCE TO THE GOLDEN LAND?

THE WITCH WILL EXTOL THE WISE AND BESTOW UPON THEN FOUR TREASURES IN THE GOLDEN LAND.

THERE THEY WILL CHOOSE TO HAVE THE SOULS OF THE DEAD RESURRECTED AND THE LOST LOVE RESURRECTED.

BECAUSE THE THINGS THEY DESIRE, ARE THINGS THAT THEY CANNOT OBTAIN NO MATTER HOW BIG A MOUNTAIN OF GOLD THEY HAVE.

FOR GEORGE, IT WAS THE FIANCÉE THAT HE LOST.

FOR JESSICA, IT WAS THE PERSON DEAR TO HER THAT SHE LOST.

FOR MARIA, IT WAS THE MOTHER'S LOVE THAT SHE LOST.

THE WINNER IS BEATRICE, THE GOLDEN WITCH. BECAUSE NONE OF THE 18 PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO SOLVE THE RIDDLE BEFORE TIME RAN OUT.

ALL OF THE 18 PEOPLE ARE DECEASED. WHEN THE SEAGULLS CRY, THERE IS NO ONE LEFT ALIVE.

SLEEP IN PEACE, MY BELOVED WITCH, BEATRICE.

IN A SLEEP, WHERE YOU WON'T DISTURBED FOR A SECOND TIME.

THE NOTEBOOK FRAGMENTS OF THE WINE BOTTLE ENDED LIKE THIS.

IF YOU HAVE READ THIS,
THEN I WILL PROBABLY BE DEAD,
REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT
MY CORPSE REMAINS.

YOU WHO HAVE READ THIS. PLEASE, SOMEHOW,
DISCLOSE THE TRUTH.
THIS IS MY ONLY WISH.

MARIA USHIROMIYA

EVEN TO THIS DAY, THE TRUTH BEHIND 'THE WITCH LEGEND SERIAL MURDERS CASE' IS YET TO BE BROUGHT TO LIGHT...

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THE END

THE GOLDEN WITCH SENT YOU AN
INVITATION TO THE TEA PARTY

ALSO YOUR BRA

NATSUKI NEE-SAN, WHICH COLOR ARE YOUR PANTS?

AT LEAST, I WANTED TO DIE AFTER HEARING THE COLOR

FAILED MIS-SION

I'LL PROBABLY BE KILLED.

... TONIGHT

初めまして。うみねこEP1作画担当 夏海ケイと申します。
読んで下さった皆様、本当にありがとうございます。
ひぐらし好きが高じて、担当様からうみねこの企画をいただき、
おかげさまでうはうはと毎回幸せにお仕事させていただいてます。
お忙しい中ネーム監修して下さった竜騎士07様、
BT様、そして担当の野崎様、小泉様、いつもありがとうございます。
今後もなにとぞ！ よろしくお願いいたします。

さて、台風に閉ざされた孤島の洋館というおいしい
シチュエーションの中、18人がくり広げる物語は
このあと急転直下、惨劇へと突入して参ります。
最大限の努力にてコミック版を描ききる所存です！
この先もお付き合いいただけましたら幸いです。

Special Thanks
ひなた・ロビンゲス永井
朝顔鈴香・ペコ和音・土屋内麻花
細山トミヨー紗・秋山ホーリさゆり・
板垣ハコ・浅飛かい
・流連寛子・今井美と
& You.

Happy Hoof Time

お久しぶりです、夏海です。
うみねこEP.1、2巻、いかがでしたでしょうか。
第一の晩の惨劇がとうとう起こってしまいましたね。
いきなり、もう描けなくなる人が6人もいて、
さみしい限りです。
次巻では更に何人殺されてしまうのやら…。
また3巻でお会いできましたら光栄です。

Special Thanks
ぴな太・Dドリゲスカ井・朝霧鈴香・ぺこ和音・
堀内麻衣・黒木トミショーケン・秋山アキーリせゆり・
板垣ハロ・清逸宜子・今井美ビッ
& You

お久しぶりです、夏海です。
EP1 3巻、読んで下さった、ありがとうございます。
シャシシャシバリバリ死人が出てまいりました。
ラストスパートかけて次巻もがんばりますよ!!
漫画版を読んだ方の推理も聞いてみたいな、と思う今日この頃です。
では、また4巻でお会いできますように。
シーユーアゲイン ハバナイスデイ!

Katsumi Izuka opus

Special Thanks

ひなた・ロドリゲス永井・アサミネ鈴・黒木トミショーリン・ペコ和音
堀内麻衣・水崎りうな・根垣ハコ・渡邊千日・今井美ピ4・風咲さき
荘戸千賀子・池田エリ子・佐藤未来子・藤本恵理子・小野寺真紀
菅井亜弓

& You

お久しぶりです、夏海です。
漫画版うみねこＥＰ１ 無事完結させることができました。
最後までお付き合い下さり、誠にありがとうございます！
お忙しい中毎回丁寧に監修して下さった竜騎士07様、
ＢＴ様、八恩桜様、担当の野崎様、い栗様にも
厚く御礼申し上げます。

ＥＰ１は完結いたしましたが、ありがたくも
引き続きＥＰ３も描かせていただいております。
鈴木次郎先生の描かれるＥＰ２、宗一郎先生の
描かれるＥＰ４も大好評連載中です。
まだまだ広がるうみねこワールド！
どうかこの先もお付き合い下さいませ。
魔女との戦いは、まだ始まったばかりだぜ!!

Special Thanks
ひな太・ロリゲス永井・黒ネトミュージシャン
坂内麻衣・今井美紗・水崎りな
佐藤未来子・渡邉千夏・アサミネ鈴・なつる
坂垣ハコ・荻野里子・風咲さとら
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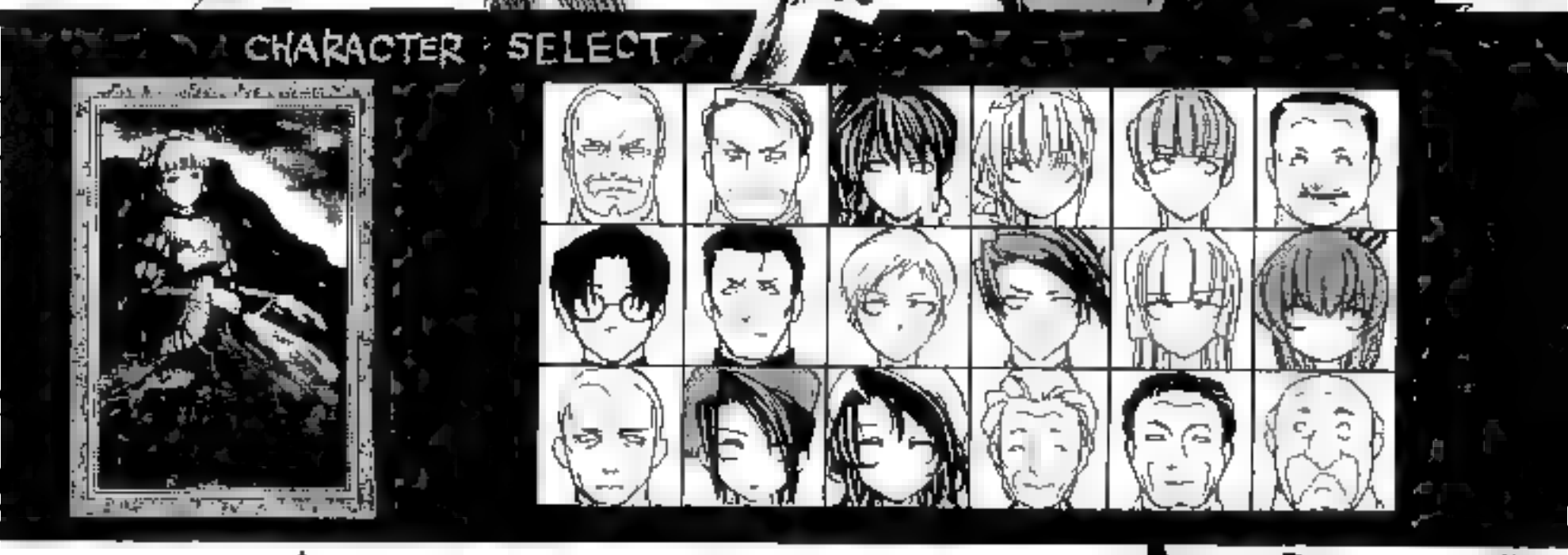

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SPECIAL CHAPTER
[EP1 TEA PARTY]

UU-!
BATTLER
WOKE UP!
UU-!

.....
UH
...

UU-!

YOU CAN'T SLEEP
IN LATE IN OUR
LONG WAITED
TEA PARTY!
CAN'T!

TEA PARTY
...?

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PLEASE HAVE SOME

BATTLER-SAMA, I'VE POURED SOME TEA FOR YOU.

SHANNON -CHAN?

HE .. HEY, HEY, WEREN'T YOU TWO SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD!?

AND KANON-KUN TOO...

NOW I'M PERFECTLY FINE... I'M ALRIGHT.

...WELL, I MEAN .. IT'S NOT LIKE IT HURT AT ALL.

YEAH ..

SHANNON HAD A CRUEL ENDING... EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE MORE PEACEFUL WAYS...

I GUESS THAT, IN THE END, WE DIDN'T MANAGE TO FIND THE CULPRIT AND TIME RAN OUT.

...IT'S NOT JUST US, I HEARD THAT OJOU-SAMA AND THE OTHERS HAD TRAGIC ENDINGS TOO.

.....

UU-! IT REALLY WAS A BAD END! UU-!

ガクッ…

…
WHAT IS THIS?

WE CONFRONTED A PERSON THAT SEEMED LIKE A WITCH AT THE ENTRY HALL… WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT ..?

WE MET A TRAGIC ENDING AS WELL?

SHANNON-CHAN AND KANON-KUN SHOULD BE DEAD

WHERE AM I? TEA PARTY?

ガクッ…

WHAT HAPPENED TO US ?

I CAN'T REMEMBER

BUT I THINK KANON-KUN'S DEATH TURNED OUT TO BE A BIG HINT.

BUT IN THE END, I DIDN'T MANAGE TO SCRATCH HIM ...

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT OUR ENDING WAS LIKE. COMPARED TO THAT, KANON-KUN'S WAS SO COOL! ONE-ON-ONE COMBAT WITH THE CULPRIT!

AT THAT POINT IN T IME, EVERYBODY'S WHEREABOUTS WERE CLEAR...SO, THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD KILL KANON-KUN WAS THE UNKNOWN 19TH PERSON.

YOU'RE RIGHT

EVA OBA-SAN'S CLOSED ROOM MURDER, FOR EXAMPLE, IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR A HUMAN BEING! ONLY THE WITCH BEATRICE COULD DO THAT! UU-!

UU-! MARIA IS SAYING SINCE THE BEGGINING THAT IT WAS BEATRICE!

THAT'S RIGHT ...

THE CLOSED ROOM MURDER, THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE MASTER ...

THE APPEARANCE OF MAGIC CIRCLES AND SUCH... LOTS OF MYSTERIOUS THINGS HAPPENED THAT DON'T SEEM LIKE THEY COULD BE A HUMAN'S DOING ...

THE EXISTENCE OF THE 19TH PERSON IS CLEAR, AND I CAN'T IMAGINE THIS GUY AS A HUMAN BEING. SHE HAS POWER... ASSUMING THAT, THERE'S PROBABLY NO IMPEDIMENT FOR US TO CALL HER BEATRICE.

THAT'S WHY MARIA HAS BEEN SAYING THE WHOOOOOOOLE TIME THAT BEATRICE EXISTS! EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE BELIEVED ALL ALONG .

BEATRICE-SAMA 'DOES' EXIST

...YES, I UNDERSTAND

EVEN MY WITCH FRIENDS TOLD ME THAT IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE, THE MIRACLE WON'T HAPPEN! UU-!

BEATRICE 'DOES' EXIST! UU-!

THAT'S RIGHT ...

WE TRIED TO DEDUCE PLENTY OF THINGS TO DENY THAT IT WAS THE WITCH'S DOING, BUT... NOW I CAN SAY IT CLEARLY.

ALL THE CRIMES WERE IMPOSSIBLE FOR A HUMAN BEING... ONLY A WITCH COULD HAVE DONE THEM...!

THE CRIMINAL IS A WITCH WHO CAN HANDLE MAGIC!

THAT POINT AT LEAST IS PERFECTLY CLEAR!

MARIA IS SO HAPPY! UU-!!

UU-! EVERYBODY BELIEVED!

UU-! IT'S NOT FANTASY! BEATRICE EXIIIIIIIIISTS!!

POF POF POF

I'M SORRY, MARIA-CHAN

...

IT'S STRANGE TO BE SAYING THIS, BUT I'M A BIT SUPRISED TO FIND OUT THIS WAS A FANTASY STORY.

I WAS SURE IT WAS A GENUINE MYSTERY, LIKE MURDERS HAPPENING ON A WESTERN-STYLE MANSION ON AN ISOLATED ISLAND BECAUSE OF AN INHERITANCE...

I WONDER IF WE'D HAVE HAD A DIFFERENT ENDING IF WE TRIED TO CHALLENGE THE EPITAPH PROPERLY.

AFTER ALL, WE WERE WARNED IN THE BEGGINING BY BEATRICE THROUGH THE LETTER TO TRY TO SOLVE THE RIDDLE OF THE EPITAPH, BUT WE DIDN'T CHALLENGE IT AT ALL...

UU-!

I'M SURE BEATRICE WILL BE HAPPY IF WE DO!!

THEN THE MURDER CASE PLAY IS OVER! HOW ABOUT WE RETHINK THINGS AND CHALLENGE THE EPITAPH'S RIDDLE?

BATTLER TOO, BATTLER TOO!

LET'S ALL SOLVE THE RIDDLE WITH THE MEMO WHERE MARIA COPIED THE EPITAPH! UU-!

...
WAIT A MINUTE, GUYS.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE IT WAS ALL THE WITCH'S DOING?

EH ……?

IT'S IT'S BECAUSE THE INCIDENTS WERE CLEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR A HUMAN BEING, BATTLER-KUN.

BATTLER-SAMA, I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT?

THAT'S RIGHT WE CAN'T EXPLAIN IT THROUGH HUMAN METHODS

I'M THE ONE WHO'S NOT UNDESTANDING WHAT YOU'RE BEING SO UNANIMOUS ABOUT

THERE'S NO WAY SUCH THINGS AS WITCHES DO EXIST, RIGHT……?

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THESE WERE INCIDENTS CAUSED BY A HUMAN BEING.

...FOR EXAMPLE, SHANNON-CHAN AND THE OTHERS' CORPSES THAT HAD THEIR FACES DESTROYED...

I DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA HOW SUCH A HORRIBLE THING CAME TO BE, BUT ...

THEY WERE AT THE STOREHOUSE OF THE ROSE GARDEN, RIGHT?

MAYBE THERE WAS SOME STRANGE TOOL THERE... LIKE AN ELECTRIC SAW OR A GRINDER, AND THEY USED THAT, WHO KNOWS?

AS FOR GRANDFATHER'S DISAPPEARANCE FROM HIS CLOSED ROOM STUDY, I'VE SAID IT MANY TIMES ALREADY

THERE ARE SOME OTHER WAYS TO SOLVE IT WITHOUT RESORTING TO MAGIC.

HE MIGHT HAVE LEFT THROUGH THE WINDOW, OR FELL FROM IT, AND THE NATSUHI OBA-SAN CLOSED THE WINDOWS FROM INSIDE, SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR GRANDFATHER TO DECEIVE THE RECEIPT USING SOME SORT OF METHOD.

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THROUGH THAT GAP, HE SET SOME TRAP.. OR MAYBE HE FIRED SOMETHNG THROUGH THERE? .....HARD TO IMAGINE?

IT'S HIGHLY POSSIBLE THE CRIMINAL WAS IN POSSESSION OF THE KEYS... SO, HE OPENED THE DOOR AND USED THE GAP ALLOWED BY THE CHAIN

THAT'S RIGHT

AS FOR EVA OBA-SAN'S CLOSED ROOM.

I DON'T HAVE AN IDEA OF WHAT IT WAS NOW...

EVEN IF IT LOOKS LIKE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE AT FIRST LOOK, IT IS POSSIBLE ANYWAY. THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL 'CONVENTION'.

HOWEVER, CLOSED ROOM TRICKS WERE ALREADY USED UP TO EXHALISTION. IF WE BUY SOME MYSTERY BOOK ABOUT THAT, WE'LL BE SURE TO FIND THE RIGHT TRICK!

HM.
WHA.

WHAT
IS IT?

SOME METHOD...
SET SOME TRAP.
EVEN THOUGH YOU
CAN'T EXPLAIN, YOU
INSIST IT IS POSSI-
BLE FOR A HUMAN
BEING. THAT'S
ABSURD...

IF YOU SAY A
HUMAN BEING
CAN DO IT, TRY
AND EXPLAIN
HOW...
...YOU CAN'T,
RIGHT?

EH?

..BATTLER-KUN,
ISN'T THAT AN
IRRATIONAL
ARGUMENT?

JU...JUST BECAUSE I CAN'T, DOES IT MAKE THE CRIMINAL A WITCH!? THEN ALL UNRESOLVED INCIDENTS ALL AROUND THE WORLD WILL END UP HAVING A WITCH AS THE CRIMINAL!

'THERE'S NO WAY THE EARTH IS REVOLVING', 'I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT, BUT THE UNIVERSE IS REVOLVING AROUND THE EARTH'

...YOU'RE ACTING LIKE THE MAN FROM A PERIOD OF IGNORANCE WHO INSISTED ON THESE IDEAS.

MARIA HAS BEEN SAYING 'A HUMAN BEING CAN'T DO THAT', 'SO, A BEING THAT IS NOT HUMAN IS THE CRIMINAL', 'AND THAT BEING IS A WITCH'.

HOWEVER, BATTLER HAS BEEN TAKING AN UNILATERAL AND ARBITRARY STANCE.

BATTLER IS SIDESTEPPING THE PROBLEM.

YOU CAN'T EXPLAIN A THING.

...WE AREN'T TRYING TO PUSH YOU THAT FAR

...BUT...I'M WONDERING UNDER WHAT BASIS BATTLER -SAMA IS TALKING SUCH NONSENSE

'NONSENSE' ...

WHAT? AM I THE ONE WHO IS TALKING WEIRD THINGS FOR A WHILE?

...THEN...THEN, IN OTHER WORDS, YOU MEAN THAT 'IF ONE CAN'T EXPLAIN HOW IT'S POSSIBLE FOR A HUMAN BEING, ONE HAS TO ADMIT THE CRIMINAL IS A WITCH'...

IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY?

COULD YOU EXPLAIN HOW A HUMAN BEING COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT?

I WAS KILLED IN THE BOILER ROOM BY A 19TH PERSON WHO SHOULD NOT EXIST.

THEN, BATTLER -SAMA

OR MAYBE THEY SET UP SOME KIND OF TRAP AND, WHEN YOU BROKE INTO THE BOILER ROOM, ONE OF THOSE STAKES WAS SHOT AT YOU!

WITH A TRAP, IT'S POSSIBLE FOR THE CRIMINAL TO KILL EVEN IF HE'S NOT PRESENT.

MAYBE THE TRUTH IS THAT SHE WENT INTO THE BOILER ROOM TOGETHER WITH KANON-KUN AND STABBED YOU TO DEATH BY SURPRISE!

IT'S POSSIBLE TO EXPLAIN THAT IF KUMASAWA IS THE CRIMINAL!

WELL... EERH..

BUT, ANYWAY, HE SET THE TRAP REALLY WELL, AND...

THAT'S RIGHT... AND RIGHT AFTER THAT, EVERYBODY RUSHED TO THE BOILER ROOM, BUT NO TRAP LIKE THAT WAS FOUND, WAS IT?

'A TRAP IN THE BOILER ROOM' WHAT KIND OF TRAP .?

...?

THE ONLY ONES WHO HAD ALIBIS WHEN KANON-KUN WAS KILLED WERE THE SURVIVORS! I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING AS A CRIME BY SOMEONE WHO MINGLED WITH THE VICTIMS AND PRETENTED TO BE DEAD!

THAT'S RIGHT!

WE CAN THINK OF IT LIKE THIS! FROM THE BEGINNING, IT WAS JUST KANON-KUN'S PLAYACTING!

EVA OBA-SAN AND HIDEYOSHI OJII-SAN, TOO, WERE PLAYACTING! THEY MADE THE CLOSED ROOM THEMSELVES AND PLAYED DEAD! THAT'S TYPICAL IN MYSTERIES!

DR. NANJO CHECKED ALL THE VICTIMS ...

BY BATTLER-SAMA'S THEORY, WOULDN'T DR. NANJO BE A CRIMINAL AS WELL?

...YOU MEAN EVA OBA-SAN AND HER HUSBAND WERE THE CRIMINALS? BUT DR. NANJO CONFIRMED THEIR DEATH, YOU KNOW...?

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BUT DR. NANJO WAS KILLED TOO, RIGHT...?

AAAH! THAT'S IT! DR. NANJO'S ALSO ONE OF THE CRIMINALS AND GAVE A FALSE DEATH VERDICT...

WITH THIS REASONING, ALL OF THE DEAD COULD HAVE BEEN WALKING AROUND!

AT THAT TIME, SINCE WE WERE CONFUSED, WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE TIME TO CONFIRM IF HE WAS REALLY DEAD!

...AS FOR THAT.. DR. NANJO FAKED HIS DEATH AND ...

OR MAYBE DR. NANJO MADE A MISTAKE WITH THE AUTOPSY? THEY MAY HAVE DECEIVED HIM BY USING A SUBSTITUTE CORPSE...

...AAAAAAAH .. NO . EVEN IF IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE FIRST 6 PEOPLE, EVA OBA-SAN AND HER HUSBAND COULD STILL LEAVE THROUGH THE WINDOW OR THE DOOR...

AND MY MOTHER WAS TAKING CARE OF THE KEY... SO MY MOTHER'S PART OF THE CRIMINAL RING TOO?

I WONDER IF THAT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR US, THE FIRST SIX... AFTER ALL, WE WERE LOCKED WITH A PADLOCK ON THE SHUTTER ...

...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE REASON WHY BATTLER'S SO OBSTINATE TO MAKE IT LIKE THE CRIMINAL IS AMONG US.

KIHIHIHI
BATTLER WANTS TO SUSPECT ONE OF THE RELATIVES, RIGHT?

IT'S NOT LIKE...

BUT, I ! I CAN'T JUST CLAIM IT WAS A 19TH PERSON!

EVEN IF THERE WERE SUCH A PERSON, I HAVE TO THINK FROM THE BASIS THAT HE IS A HUMAN BEING!

I ONLY WANT TO SAY IT WAS A WITCH AFTER ALL OF THESE HAVE BEEN DENIED, IN DESPERATION, AT THE END!

WHY DOES EVERYONE SO CASUA..Y WANT TO ACCEPT THAT A WITCH IS THE CRIMINAL?

THERE'S NO WAY WITCHES EXIST, RIGHT?

I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, NOT WANTING TO SUSPECT FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

.....
EEH
.....

BUT DON'T YOU WANT TO FIND THE DETESTABLE CRIMINAL WHO KILLED SO MANY!?

BUT, THE CRIMINAL IS THE WITCH, RIGHT?

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HIHI

BATTLER, SINCE THE BEGINNING YOU'VE ONLY BEEN EVADING, UNABLE TO EXPLAIN THINGS IN A CONCRETE WAY

SO NOW IT'S MY TURN TO ASK, BATTLER

BECAUSE SHE 'DOESN'T' EXIST! WITCHES DON'T EXIST!!

JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T EXPLAIN, DOES IT MAKE EVERYTHING MAGIC AND WITCHES!?

IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE MECHANISM THAT ALLOWS A LIGHT BULB TO GET BRIGHT, WILL THAT MEAN IT'S MAGIC!? NO, RIGHT!!?

WHY YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN BEATRICE?

EVEN THOUGH SHE 'DOES' EXIST, WHY?

THERE ISN'T ANYTHING WE CAN ONLY EXPLAIN WITH MAGIC!!

...AS TO BE EXPECTED, ONLY BATTLER DOESN'T BELIEVE, NO MATTER WHAT..

IF EVEN ONLY ONE PERSON DOESN'T BELIEVE IT, THE 'MIRACLE' . ..

THE MAGIC WON'T BE COMPLETE

ANIKI AND THE OTHERS JUST SURRENDERED TO AN INCIDENT THEY CAN'T UNDERSTAND AND GAVE IN!!!

..I SEE, I'M FINALLY UNDERSTANDING WHERE YOU'RE GETTING AT ..

.. ...

SOMETHING LIKE THIS, RIGHT?

'A LIE THAT EVERYBODY ACCEPTED WILL BECOME THE TRUTH.

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WANT TO MAKE ME SAY THAT 'THE WITCH EXIST', RIGHT?

SORRY TO SAY, BUT

LET ME TURN THE CHESSBOARD OVER JUST ONE MORE TIME, WILL YOU?

YOU'RE ALL PRESSING ME, AND THAT'S WHY IT WON'T WORK! IT WON'T WORK AT ALL!

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE ME ACCEPT THE WITCH, SHE JUST NEEDS TO APPEAR HERE AND SHOW ME SOME MAGIC!!

MARIA SAID THAT 'IF EVEN ONLY ONE PERSON DOESN'T BELIEVE IT, THE MIRACLE WON'T HAPPEN'!

MIRACLES AND MAGIC THAT COME INTO EXISTENCE ONLY IF I BELIEVE THEM

AND WITCHES ARE A DOWNRIGHT LIE!!

HOWEVER! A REAL MIRACLE HAPPENS ON ITS OWN WHETHER ONE BELIEVES IT OR NOT!!

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YO-YOU...

WHO ARE
YOU...

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KUUKUU KUUKU .....!

DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE THE HOSTESS OF THE TEA PARTY YOU WERE INVITED TO...?

...BATTLER-SAMA, THIS PERSON

IS BEATRICE-SAMA, THE GOLDEN WITCH WHO'S LIVED FOR A THOUSAND YEARS

: KUUKUUKU...

FINE, FINE

MOST WITCHES GET TIRED OF LIVING AFTER A THOUSAND YEARS... SOMETIMES, IT'S NICE TO MEET A MAN WITH SOME GUTS LIKE YOU

PLEASE, FORGIVE BATTLER-KUN'S THOUGHT-LESS WORDS

IT'S A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU, BEATRICE-SAMA

HE'S A STUBBORN- I MEAN... HE STILL DOESN'T GET THE SITUA-TION HE WAS PLACED IN...

IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO HAVE BEATRICE SHOW HERSELF FOR US, BATTLER

HER?

A WITCH...

IS THE WITCH REALLY

APPEARING BEFORE MY EYES...?

...HEHE...THIS WAS... STARTLING...

•GULP•!

BATTLER
...

I LIKE IT...!! SO YOU DID ALL THAT...WANTING TO MAKE ME THINK THE WITCH, THE 19TH PERSON IS THE CRIMINAL, HUH...?

HOWEVER, SINCE I ALONE DON'T BELIEVE IN YOU, YOU CAN'T EXIST...! THAT'S THE KIND OF THIN EXISTENCE YOU HAVE, RIGHT?

BY EVERY-BODY BE-LIEVING IN YOU, YOU'D FINALLY BE ALLOWED TO EXIST...

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE THE ILLUSION OF THE WITCH BEA-TRICE THAT MARIA AND THE OTHERS ARE TALKING ABOUT.

YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE IN US,

THAT'S WHY MAGIC WON'T REACH YOU

.....I SEE,

IT SEEMS YOU HAVE A NATURAL, STRONG POWER OF RESISTANCE TO MAGIC, HUH

KUUKUUKU...

BUT I'LL NEVER ADMIT THAT 'IT WAS A WITCH JUST BECAUSE I CAN'T EXPLAIN'

IT'S A SHAME THAT YOU HAD TO TAKE YOUR TIME JUST TO SHOW YOURSELF TO ME, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IN YOUR DAMN EXISTENCE AT ALL. CERTAINLY, I CAN'T PUT UP A CONCRETE EXPLANATION TO THE WEIRD THINGS THAT HAPPENED IN THESE TWO DAYS,

I DON'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHAT THE HECK YOU'RE SAYING

I'LL DENY YOU

I'M LIKING YOU EVEN MORE...!

I'LL EXPLAIN ALL THE HAPPENINGS THROUGH 'HUMAN TRICKS'! THERE WON'T BE ANY MARGIN FOR EVEN A PIECE OF ANY WITCH OR MAGIC TO GO IN!!

IT'LL BE WORTH-WHILE TO MAKE YOU SURRENDER.....! I WANT TO MAKE A MAN LIKE YOU KISS MY TIPTOES

KUHAHAHA-HAHA, WHAT A PLEASANT MAN!

JUST LOOK, I'LL BE SURE TO DISCLOSE THE TRICKS AND MAKE YOU KISS MY ASS INSTEAD!

I'LL REMEMBER THAT PROMISE

WEAK WITCHES KISS THE BUTTS OF DEMONS TO OBTAIN POWER. BECAUSE THERE'S NO VOW OF SUBMISSION GREATER THAN THAT

START YOUR EXPLANATIONS AT ONCE

THEN, USHIROMIYA BATTLER

THIS PLACE IS... EVA-OBA-SAN'S CLOSED ROOM ...!?

COULD YOU SHOW ME HOW TO KILL EVA AND HER HUSBAND WHO WERE SHUT IN THE CLOSED ROOM WITH THE CHAIN ON?

HEE... YOU WENT RIGHT TO THE MOST DIFFICULT CASE, HUH...!

PER... PERHAPS THERE'S A SHOOTING MACHINE THAT CAN FIRE THOSE STAKES

WITH THAT, THROUGH THIS GAP...

THROUGH THIS GAP?

HOW WOULD YOU AIM AT EVA ON THE BED, WHO YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE THROUGH THE GAP, AND HIDEYOSHI INSIDE THE BATHROOM WITH THE DOOR CLOSED?

... DAMN ...

WHAT!?

KUKUKUKU...

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA, I CAN SHOW IT TO YOU, YOU KNOW?

PARDON THE GRAVE SINS WITH THE SEVEN STAKES

FOR I AM THE GUIDE OF PURGA-TORY

COME, SHOW YOUR-SELVES, MY CHILDREN

THEY FLY AT ULTRA HIGH SPEED, REFLECT BACK ON THE WALLS, CHANGE THEIR BALLISTIC, AND WITH THAT, RELIABLY SHOOT THROUGH THE TARGET. THEY'RE MY HANDY FURNITURE.

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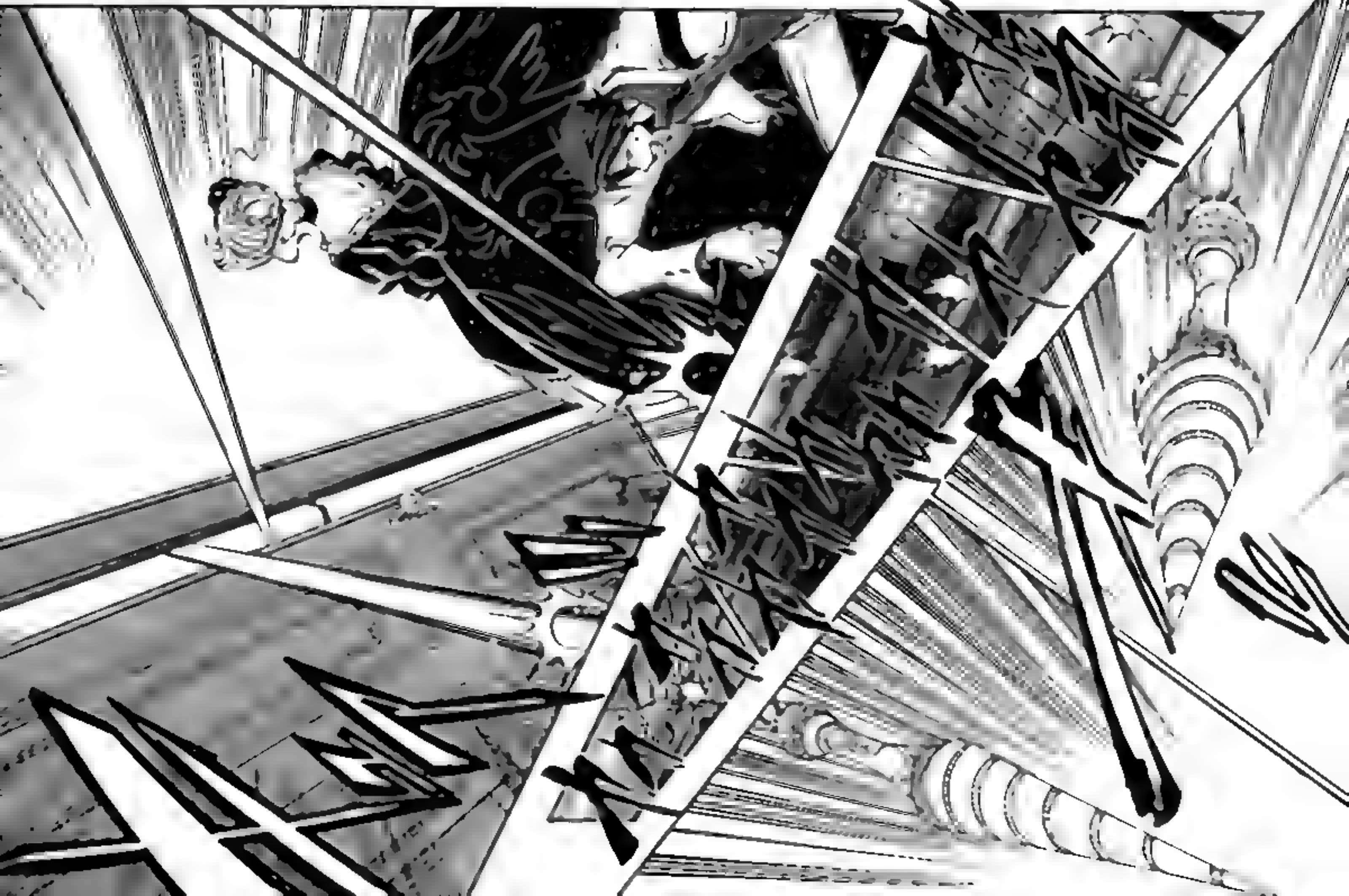
THESE ARE THE SEVEN STAKES OF PURGATORY

COME, BEELZEBUB, ASMODEUS

COME, FORGIVE THE SINS

RELEASE THE SOULS OF THE SINNERS...!



WANNA TAKE A LOOK?

RIGHT THROUGH IT...

...UOOH...

THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE KILLED THEM... THROUGH SUCH ABSURD...

YOU... YOU IDIOT...

OF COURSE I CAN!!

WHAT DO YOU THINK? YOU FELT A BIT LIKE KNEELING TO ME, RIGHT?

YOU MUST BE KIDDING ME! YOU THINK I'LL BE FOOLED BY THIS CHEAP PLAY!?

YOUR TRICKS ARE OBVIOUSLY SOME OF THE TYPICAL ONES IN THE MYSTERY WORLD OF THE LAST HUNDRED YEARS AT BEST!!

TO HELL WITH THOUSAND YEARS WITCH!

SO YOU SPEAK OF MY THOUSAND YEARS AS A HUNDRED YEARS OF THE HUMANS

KUUKUKU-KUKU...

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FINE, FINE... THAT'S WHY I LIKE YOU...!

BEATRICE-SAMA...PLEASE, FORGIVE HIM... I THINK KANON-KUN REFLECTED ENOUGH ON THAT...

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...KANON WAS SEIZED BY HIS TRIFLING WRATH AND TRIED TO DISTURB MY BANQUET... HE MUST BE PURIFIED, REGRET WHAT HE'S DONE AND START OVER

KA... KANON-KUN!?

UH ...

KU ...

SHANNON-CHAN!? WHAT'S GOING ON!?

HM ...!

HMM ...!

SHANNON!

OH NO, BATTLER-KUN, PLEASE, BELIEVE IN BEATRICE-SAMA...!

AAAAAAAAAAH, IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T BELIEVE... IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T BELIEEEEVE AAAAH AAAAH

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EH!?

THAT THE MAGIC WILL BE BRO-KEEEEEEEN

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KUU KUU KUU KU...

ANIKII!!? JESSICAA!!?

IN YOUR LAST MOMENTS, YOU WERE BITTEN OFF BY DEMONS AND WENT... TO HELL!!!

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THE DEAD WILL REVERT TO CORPSES... THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS

...NATURALLY, A MAN SUCH AS YOU WOULDN'T SURRENDER WITH JUST THIS MUCH, WOULD YOU.....?

WITH MY MAGIC, I CAN RESSURRECT ALL THE DEAD. BUT, AS LONG AS YOU DON'T BELIEVE, IT WON'T HOLD REAL POWER.

STOP IT, STOP IT, STOP IT DON'T DIS-GRACE THE DEEEEEAD

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GU.

BA.. BATTLER

UOOOOOO!!! STOP IT

DON'T... DON'T BE CRUSHED BY... A WITCH...

WE DIDN'T WANT TO SUSPECT OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY . SINCE WE TURNED OUR EYES AWAY FROM REALITY, WE ENDED UP. GIVING IN TO THE WITCH...!

BUT YOU, BATTLER...

IF IT'S YOU, YOU WON'T SURRENDER TO THE WITCH

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ANIKIII,
JESSICAA-
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...!!

SO, IT'S NOT SAD ...

SO, EVEN IF I DIE...I'M... FINE...

...BATTLER...DON'T CRY... BEATRICE...WILL REVIVE THE DEAD OVER AND OVER...

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MA... MARIAA, YOUR WHOLE BODY TOO!?

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I WON'T FORGIVE YOU! NEVER!

I'LL DEVOTE MY BODY AND SOUL TO DENY YOU!

HOW DARE YOU TO MAKE USHIROMIYA BATTLER YOUR ENEMY?

THAT WILL EASE MY THOUSAND YEARS BOREDOM!

THERE'S NO WITCH, NO MAGIC AT ALL!

COME ON, USHIROMIYA BATTLER, SHOW ME HOW YOU EXPLAIN ALL MY MAGIC THRO-UGHT 'HUMAN TRICKS'!

LET'S SEE THE POWER OF THE 'HUMAN BEINGS'!!!

I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING THROUGH HUMAN MEANS, I'LL ERASE YOU FROM THIS WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING EVEN A FRAGMENT OF A CELL!!!

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LET THE GAME BEGIN--!!

TO BE CONTINUED ON EPISODE 2
TURN OF THE GOLDEN WITCH

AND SO, THE BANQUET OF THE WITCH CONTINUES-----....

[URA TEA PARTY]
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WHAT KIND OF BLACK TEA SHOULD I POUR NEXT?

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..BEATO, THERE'S NO NEED TO BARE SUCH HOSTILITY

I'M JUST UNEASY TO NOT MAKE ANY BLUNDER IN FRONT OF A LEGENDARY WITCH..

THERE ISN'T ANY HOSTI-LITY

I'M A MERE TRAVELING WITCH.

JUST A FUGITIVE TRAVELER CROSSING THE KAKERAS TO RUN AWAY FROM THE BOREDOM.

I ONLY HEARD YOU HAD STARTED SOMETHING THAT SEEMED INTERESTING, SO I CAME OVER

IF IT TURNS OUT NOT BEING INTERESTING, I'LL LEAVE ON MY OWN, DON'T WORRY

THE WITCH OF MIRACLES WHO, WITH HER DREADFUL POWER TO MAKE THINGS DEFINITELY BE FULFILLED,

'AS LONG AS THE PROBABILITY IS NOT ZERO', MANAGED TO EASILY DEAL WITH THAT GREAT WITCH, LADY LAMBDADELTA.

LADY BERNKASTEL.

AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR IMPRESSIONS?

I FEEL EXTREMELY AND HUMBLY DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE GREAT LADY BERNKASTEL INSPECT ME, YOU KNOW?

AT FIRST GLANCE, YOU HAVE AFFECTION, BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOU AT ALL.

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE MUCH MORE DREADFUL THAN THAT GIRL.
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THE WITCH OF THE 'ABSOLUTE', LAMBDADELTA, WAS A VERY CRUEL AND DREADFUL GIRL, BUT I COULD UNDERSTAND HER
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BUT, FOR YOU, NO RESULT LEAVES THE PALM OF YOUR HAND.

BEING WHIMSICAL IS OF MY NATURE, FORGIVE ME.

BESIDES, LADY BERNKASTEL, TOO, ENJOYS TO ENTRUST FATE TO WHIMSICAL DICE, RIGHT?

WHATEVER THE RESULT IS, IT DOESN'T BETRAY YOUR EXPECTATIONS AND, WITHOUT FAIL, YOU GET SATISFIED.

. WHEN SHAKING THE DICE, I HAVE A RESULT I CLEARLY WANT TO GET

I'M DIFFERENT FROM YOU.

INDEED, NOTHING BEATS DRINKING TEA WITH A WITCH! YOU DON'T GET BORED!

WITH MY POWER, I DON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN AGAINST YOU. WE HAVE THE WORST COMPATIBILITY..

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I'D NOT LIKE TO FIGHT

SO, DON'T KILL ME, RIGHT?

ENDLESS WITCH, LADY BEATRICE.

THEN, THAT'S GOOD.

BOREDOM IS THE ONLY POISON THAT CAN KILL ME

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WISH, I'LL BRING YOU THE NEXT TALE RIGHT AWAY

WITH MY POWER TO ENDLESSLY KILL A PERSON, I'LL SHOW YOU EVEN MORE FUN!

TAKE YOUR TIME AND LOOK FORWARD TO MY ENDLESS TALE!

IT SEEMS SOMEONE TROUBLESOME TOOK A LIKING TO YOU.

JUST LIKE ME, WHEN I HAD A HUMAN BODY

IT'S REALLY UNFORTUNATE. SO I'LL LEND YOU A BIT OF MY POWER.

SHE POSSESSES AN EXISTENCE BY THE NAME OF BEATRICE, BUT SHE'S NOT NECESSARILY AN 'INDIVIDUAL WOMAN'

..WHAT MEANS THAT SHE'S NOT SOMEONE OF THE HUMANS, BUT A BEING THAT PERSONIFIES THE RULES OF THIS WORLD.

FIRST, ABOUT THAT GIRL

TO DEFEAT THAT GIRL, YOU MUST EXPOSE THE RULES OF THIS WORLD AND UNRAVEL THEM.
FIRST, YOU HAVE TO SURVEY THIS WORLD.
THEN, YOU MUST REALIZE HOW THE PIECES MOVE AND THEIR ROLES. AFTER THAT, YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR THE VICTORY CONDITIONS OF THAT GIRL'S GAME.
THEN, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO TEAR IT UP OR CRUSH IT TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT...
WHEN THEY ARE DISCLOSED, THAT GIRL'S HEART WILL BE EXPOSED THERE

JUST SO THAT I DON'T GET TIRED.

WITH ONLY THE ENDLESS TALES THAT BEATO WILL WEAVE, I'LL END UP GETTING TIRED SOON. THAT'S WHY I'LL LEND YOU MY POWER...

I DO NOT INTEND TO BE YOUR ALLY.

NO MATTER WHO IS THE OPPONENT, I'LL MAKE THEM SURRENDER WITHOUT FAIL

...EVEN IF IT IS THE ENDLESS WITCH BEATRICE, RIGHT...?

I AM THE CRUELEST WITCH IN THE WORLD.

DON'T MAKE ME GET BORED, RIGHT.....?

GIGGLE GIGGLE GIGGLE.....

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AND YOU~!

THANK YOU FOR READING AND SUPPORTING US,
LET'S MEET AGAIN IN THE NEXT GAME~